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Readers Say—

Evangelical Faith at Iowa

To the Editor:

At the University of Iowa recently there was a panel discussion on the Christian religion in which a Methodist minister slandered the historic Biblical faith (see *The Daily Iowan,* March 1) and virtually branded fundamentalists as morons.

Three ministers were on the panel, according to the news story. Rev. Roy Wingate, First English Lutheran Church, Rev. Alfred Henriksen, Unitarian, were not quoted, but it can be assumed that a Unitarian would go along with the view ascribed to Rev. L. L. Dunnington of the First Methodist Church of Iowa City.

The Methodist minister is quoted as "thanking God" that he is able to believe that the State University of Iowa "challenges a lot of religious ideas students bring to campus."

If this be true, the State University is violating one of the stated principles of the usual run of "modernists and "liberals" who blatantly demand strict separation of church and state. I would agree that it is no part of the educational function of a university other than one founded and supported by atheists to "challenge the Christian faith of students," but this is not the manner in which separation of church and state should operate, according to this Methodist minister.

If the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith, such as the Virgin Birth, "do not stand up twenty minutes in an intellectual discussion," as Mr. Dunnington claims, then John Wesley and his associates who founded Methodism were wrong.

Other fundamental believers were the Puritans who settled in Massachusetts; the Dutch who settled in New York; the Anglicans who migrated to Virginia and the Catholics who founded Delaware, as well as the Quakers in Pennsylvania and the founders of all the other Thirteen Colonies.

Those fundamentalists came to these shores in search of religious and political liberty, human freedom, the concept of which was brought to earth by Jesus Christ, as is declared by Tom Paine in his "Thoughts on Defensive War," written in 1776.

The ideology of human freedom as the Christian pioneers and founders of the American Republic understood it is not to be found in, nor can it be based upon, the philosophies of Deism, Unitarianism and Humanism. With millions of others I do not find it difficult to accept New Testament teachings. But even did I find it difficult I would cling to belief in the Son of God who brought the concept of human liberty to earth.

If no member of the panel discussing the subject of religion and science Feb. 28 was prepared to defend fundamental Christianity, then the sponsors of the discussion committed a fraud upon the public by presenting an attack upon the Christian faith under pretense that it was a genuine panel discussion of a controversial subject.

VERNE P. KAUB

Madison, Wis.

Vatican Envoy Again

To the Editor:

In the March 15th issue of *Action,* it was stated that "Now is the time to protest the Vatican Envoy." Since I definitely feel that such a move by our government would be unconstitutional in that it grants special privileges to one religion over all others, I urged members of our church to write to our Senator in protest to such a move, and did so myself. However, I received a very gracious reply from Senator Mansfield informing me that such an appointment is a prerogative of the President, and that recent correspondence with Assistant Secretary of State Robert C. Hill in regard to the proposal clearly indicated that such a proposal is not under consideration at present.

Since this seems to be in contradiction to the impression I have been receiving from recent issues of *Action,* I am wondering if there have been some wires crossed somewhere and if someone has been misinformed. I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me some information which might clear up this misunderstanding.

ROBERT E. WEINMAN

Harlem, Mont.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We are glad to know that you and a number of our readers have written your congressmen in Washington, opposing the appointment of a Vatican envoy.

The letter from Senator Mansfield is typical of the double talk of our national political leaders when it comes to an issue of this type. Senator Mansfield is correct in everything he says but he has stated only a half-truth, probably intended to quiet criticism. The fact is that the President of the United States makes the appointment of all diplomatic representatives of first rank to foreign nations, usually upon recommendation of the State Department. This appointement must then go to the Senate for ratification.

We have information that pressures are being brought in Washington upon responsible parities in the State Department, the Executive Department and in the Legislative Department to pave the way for the proposal, the appointment and the ratification of a United States envoy to the Vatican. Now is the time to make our protest, not after the government machinery is ready to operate. If Senator Mansfield and other senators do not know anything about this situation, it is time they were finding out.]

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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United Evangelical Action's
Annual Survey of Religious Books

BOOKS ARE A SUBSTANTIAL WORLD

By ARNOLD D. EHLERT*

Books, we know
Are a substantial world, both pure and good:
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood
Our pastime and our happiness will grow.
—*Personal Talk,* Wordsworth.

Truly a librarian lives in a world of books. After working with them most of the day he really should not go home to more books, but that is what happens when he is a book editor. There is a real thrill in coming home and looking on one's desk to see what new volume has come fresh from the publisher for review, knowing that many of these arrive before their publication date.

Religious Book Production

These are boom years for religious bookselling. Last year religious titles showed an increase of 260 per cent over 1946. *Christian Bookseller* in its January number suggests that this may go to 400 per cent by 1960. No one could have possibly foreseen such a phenomenal advance ten years ago. In 1956 nearly 925 religious titles were published, and experts expect that in 1957 this will reach nearly a thousand. Likewise dollar sales of religious books have risen over 250 per cent since 1947, and there is no cause to believe that it will not go up another 10% in 1957 in spite of the fact that the average price per volume has risen to $3.00 and over.

Trends indicated by the booksellers themselves included those toward Bible story books, Bible study books for the layman, and paper backs. Association Press is issuing this year a series of 50c paper backs to be known as Reflection Books, which will deal with various aspects of the Christian faith and Christian living. Harper had an interesting experience in the cheaper market when they took one of their standard $4.00 titles that was selling 750 copies a year regularly and turned it over to a paper back reprint house, which offered it for $1.45. Sales jumped to 20,000 copies the first year, showing a cash differential of $29,000 as against $3,000 in the hard binding.

The Annual Book Lists

Our "Annual List of Significant Books" may be found on pages 6-8. The typical group for whom these selections were made consists of the full time Christian worker, whether pastor, teacher, or other specialist, who is presumably at least a college graduate, and who wants to be acquainted with the significant literature of the Bible and related themes. In addition to these we have in mind the intelligent layman, who is a much less definable individual, but who is coming more and more to a state of literacy and competence in the discussion of these things, bringing to religion the same semi-professional or professional attitude that he practices in secular pursuits. Many of these are engaged in Christian work of some kind as a part-time ministry. Students in Bible colleges and theological seminaries are also in mind.

It is always interesting to go back and look over the lists after they are compiled. Selections are set aside during the year, and by January or so these are surveyed and the whole list of books received is looked over again. This usually produces not over two thirds of the books needed for the two lists. An active campaign is necessary then involving the searching of lists of religious books published, which appear in a number of places (*Christian Bookseller* every quarter, *Library Journal* once a year, *Publisher's Weekly* annually, *New York Times* from time to time, etc.). Bookstores are sometimes visited and managers asked what is the current best seller in religion. The last few titles to be added are usually selected rather late, and review copies must be sent for, so that reviews cannot always appear in the annual book number. This year we had the assistance of Dr. Merrill C. Tenney of the

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Wheaton Graduate School, and Lloyd Kalland of Gordon Divinity School, book editor of *Christian Life* and *Christian Bookseller*.

It is only after the list is completed that any attention is paid to publishers. This year it appears that Eerdmans carries off the honors again, with ten titles, Harper with five, while Abingdon, Concordia, and Westminster have four each.

There are a number of pairs this year in the list. There are two books by the same author. (In 1955 we carried two titles by Berkouwer.) We also have two double volume entries, the Bible history books of Beacon Press and the theological survey reports by Niebuhr and his associates. We have two Vos's this year. There are two books on the Dead Sea Scrolls, two books of confessions, two on the early church, two books on Christian education, two books on preaching methods, two sides of the rapture-tribulation problem, two books dealing with the philosophy of history, two treatises in the field of Old Testament, two books in the field of social ethics (although we have three this year on personal ethics if we include Narramore's and one encyclopedia of ethics). There are two treatments of dialectic theologians. Finally we must confess that there are two books that should have gotten in that did not because they were inadvertently overlooked when the final lists were made up. These are Stanley High's *Billy Graham* (McGraw-Hill, $3.95) and Courtney Anderson's *To the Golden Shore, The Life of Adoniram Judson* (Little, Brown, $6.00). What should have been left out to have made room for these frankly we do not know.

Most readers would probably agree that the quality of this year's lists is generally good. Most of these are books that a religious library would want to put on the shelves. The pastor who wants to keep up with religious affairs and thinking would probably find more here, if he went through these fifty volumes carefully and retained a reasonable portion of them, than he would get in a semester of seminary, maybe a year. It should be remembered that it is not necessary to buy all of those books either, for good public libraries will have a number of them, would be willing to order some, and most seminary alumni could borrow from their alma mater's library or from one of the general circulating theological libraries in the East. Another alternative is for the local public librarian, no matter how small the library, to order by inter-library loan, but in this case the book must be read in the library. Pastors can also pool their resources locally. Where there is a will to read there are many ways to get books.

There is an interesting incident in connection with *The Nun's Story*, which has been on the best seller lists for months. When the Library of Congress came to catalog this book they wrote Miss Hulme and asked her to divulge the name of the heroine and her order. This confidence she was reluctant to violate, and told L. C. so in no uncertain terms. She did send it but urged them to keep it confidential, which they have done so far as the printed catalog card is concerned, although they classified it as fiction, which it definitely is not. Miss Hulme did not think of this book when she was writing it as primarily a religious book, but rather as a book of the inner life, and she was wholly unprepared for the popular acceptance of it by Catholic reviewers. It was the September selection of the Catholic Book Club. It is a controversial book, of course, but the Catholic Library Association included it in their annual list issued in connection with Catholic Book Week in February. The January 26 issue of *America* carried a roundup of letters favorable and unfavorable. The Notable Books Council presented in February a list of 42 titles to the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association. *The Nun's Story* and *A Historian's Approach to Religion* were the only two religious books on this list.

Speaking further of book clubs, Stanley B. Hunt and Associates issued a report on book clubs during 1955, in which they reveal that 30 publishers operated 77 book clubs. Sales through these clubs amounted to $52.5 million. Sales in number of copies climbed from 40 million in 1952 to 55.8 million in 1955.

The Publishers

If we were to pick a "Publisher of the Year" it would undoubtedly be Zondervan Publishing House. October 1-6, 1956 marked the official recognition of the completion of the twenty-five-year span of publishing by this Grand Rapids concern. P. J. and B. D. Zondervan are founders and partners of the business. Open house October 4 and 5 drew over 2,000 visitors. Twenty-seven employees were given service citations for periods ranging from ten to twenty-four years. Visitors followed a book through the process of production from the rough manuscript to the final jacketed book ready for distribution.

In connection with this affair several special honors were also conferred on authors. Dr. James H. Hunter, editor of *The Evangelical Christian* of Toronto was named "Author of the Quarter Century." Dr. Merrill F. Unger of Dallas Theological Seminary was named "Theological Author of the Quarter Century," and Kenneth Anderson of Muskegon, Michigan, was awarded a plaque designating him as "Young People's Author of the Quarter Century." The honor of "Children's Author of the Quarter Century" went to Miss Dena Korfker, a teacher in the primary grades of the Grand Rapids Christian school system.

Looking back over the quarter century the Zondervans are able to count over 1600 book titles published, making them one of the largest religious publishers in the world. Over 700 authors contributed these titles. In 1956 alone 124 new titles were issued. The works of Oliphants and of Marshall, Morgan and Scott of Great Britain are now exclusively handled by Zondervan.

In connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Year several special projects are announced, among which are the publication of a 40-volume "Layman's Handy Commentary," the publishing of a new systematic theology, a comprehensive encyclopedia of religious knowledge, the development of a 50-volume library for every preacher's study, and of a 25-volume family library.

Chief publishing project of the year, however, is the scheduled publication of the new Berkeley Version of the Bible. The New Testament appeared some years ago and has gone through several editions. In addition to Dr. Gerrit Verkuyl of Berkeley, California, chief editor, a committee of a number of scholars is assisting in the translation of the Old Testament. Among these are Samuel J. Schultz of Wheaton College, Hathaway Struthers of Bob Jones University, David E. Culley of Western Seminary in Pittsburgh, Martin Woudstra of Calvin Seminary, Martin J. Wyngaarden of Calvin, Leon J. Wood of the Baptist Bible Institute in Grand Rapids, and Leonard Greenway, pastor of Burton Heights Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

There are a couple of interesting ancillary or auxiliary developments in connection with this project. In June, 1956, an overture was prepared by the Seattle Consistory of the Christian Reformed Church for submittal to the Synod calling for the church to "join with other conservative churches in sponsoring or facilitating the early production of a faithful translation of the Scriptures in the common language of the American people." It was recommended that this matter be referred

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Johnny, Let's Read!

A canvass of the current output of illustrated Bible story books and other religious books for children.

THERE ARE many thousands of evangelical children in America. Their fervent devotion to the Lord and their service for Him must be a delight to His heart. What books should they read?

This year we canvassed the current output of children's illustrated Bible story books, and closely allied works. We wrote to the publishers of these books, insofar as we could discover them, and asked them to send what they had published within the past two years in this category. They are of generally high quality in both text and illustration. For the most part the stories are faithful to the biblical narrative, although of course they must of necessity be selective. We have divided these books into four categories.

The Whole Bible

The H. S. Stuttman Company of New York has brought out one of the most attractive Bible story books in their two-volume *The Bible in Story and Pictures.* The two volumes run around 250 pages each, and come in a grained fabricoid in a decorated slip case. End papers are decorated also. This set is revised from the original *Children's Story Bible,* by Harold Begbie, and cooperating in the illustrations are Cyrus Leroy Baldridge, Herbert Morton Stoops, Elliott Means, and Steele Savage. Pictures are both colored and black and white, photographs, drawings, and artist's reproductions.

The three volumes of the Pacific Press Publishing Association contain some of the most fascinating pictures of any contemporary Bible story books. The three titles are *Bible ABC's, Bible Firsts,* and *Boys and Girls of the Bible.* Covers of durable cloth and end papers are both illustrated. There is a full-page picture opposite each page of type in the first two, and fewer in the last. Charles L. Paddock is responsible for text in all three and illustrators are respectively Joseph Maniscalco, Earl Thollander, and Don Muth, Jr.

Broadman Press has two attractive volumes, *Children of Bible Days,* by Florence Hearn (pictures by Dorothy Handsaker Scott), and *Brave Men of the Bible,* by Emma Pettey (pictures by H. O. Richards). Pictures are brilliantly colored. Covers are enameled paper over boards.

Two little Golden Books fall in this category: *Bible Stories for Boys and Girls,* by Jane Werner, and *Heroes of the Bible,* by Jane Werner Watson. Pictures in both volumes are by Rachel Taft Dixon and Marjorie Hartwell. Simon & Schuster's *Golden Play Book of Bible Stamps* is a most interesting volume in which colored stamp pictures are to be torn out and pasted in the proper places in the story section of the book. Outline drawings throughout the text can also be colored.

The most extensive single volume in this division is J. Harold Gwynne's *The Rainbow Book of Bible Stories,* illustrated by Steele Savage (World Publishing Co., 319 pp. $4.95). This is a full length treatment of the major stories of the Bible, eleven inches high, and running two columns to the page. There are many full-page pictures, lithographs and line drawings with tinting. There are 72 stories in the Old Testament and 36 in the New.

Concordia Press has an attractive book covering the whole Bible, *My Bible Story Book.* Text is by G. L. Wind and pictures by Bette Hollis, Al Wenzel, Fiore Mastri, Gedge Harmon, Geraldine Wolf, Betty Unstead, and Gladys Dudley. The pictures are plain but make good teaching aids for use with the book open, as the designs are not complicated.

In some ways the book by the editor of Moody Press, Kenneth N. Taylor, is the most notable one of the year in this field. It is *The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes* (Moody Press, $2.75). It is an oblong book with binding on the short side. There is a colored pic-

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Fifty Best Books

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TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS EVANGELICAL IN SENTIMENT

Although the volumes listed below obviously do not reflect all the convictions of all evangelical groups, they either (1) set forth major doctrines in a significant manner; (2) presuppose such doctrines in an attempted application to modern problems; (3) attempt a serious solution of some problem on an evangelical approach which, while not necessarily endorsed, should be known; or (4) present the evangelical mind in some other attractive way.

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James DeForest Murch, *Co-operation Without Compromise, a History of the National Association of Evangelicals.* 220 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50. The editor of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION draws on his intimacy with the organization from the beginning to chronicle its history and influence.

Clyde M. Narramore, *Life and Love; a Christian View of Sex.* 186 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. A direct approach through representative situations in which sex problems are discussed by young people and conclusions offered within the evangelical, biblical framework.

Harold John Ockenga, *The Church in God; Expository Values in Thessalonians.* 350 pp. Revell. $4.00. Thirty messages from the two epistles setting them forth in their primitive simplicity as Paul's first letters.

Harold John Ockenga, *Protestant Preaching in Lent.* 285 pp. Eerdmans. $3.95. Eerdman's Annual Lenten Series presents with this volume a book of forty-seven sermon outlines in seven series. They are extensive outlines and represent some of the author's richest preaching.

W. T. Purkiser, et al, *Exploring the Old Testament.* 448 pp. Beacon Hill. $4.50. A textbook on the college level with helps for study and review. A companion volume, *Exploring the New Testament,* is written by Ralph Earle and several collaborators.

Alfred M. Rehwinkel, *The Voice of Conscience.* xii, 189 pp. Concordia. $2.75. A biblically-based treatment of personal ethics with special reference to the conscience itself, which is not the voice of God but man's own voice speaking to himself as a moral being.

W. J. Schnell, *Thirty Years a Watchtower Slave; the Confessions of a Converted Jehovah's Witness.* 207 pp. Baker Book House. $2.95.A startling expose of the inner workings of the hierarchy that controls a dedicated empire of lay religionists.

Gerald B. Stanton, *Kept From the Hour; a Systematic Study of the Rapture in Bible Prophecy.* 320 pp. Zondervan. $3.95. The professor of systematic theology at Talbot Theological Seminary in Los Angeles marshals the biblical materials on this controversial question and defends the pretribulation rapture position.

Geerhardus Vos, *The Teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews.* Edited and rewritten by Johannes G. Vos. 124 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00. Classroom notes of the great theologian and exegete put into very readable form.

Howard F. Vos, *Effective Bible Study.* 224 pp. Zondervan. $3.50. Seventeen methods or approaches to Bible study are set forth by a professor of Moody Bible Institute, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary.

Kenneth S. Wuest, *The Gospels.* 320 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50. The first volume of his *Expanded Translation of the Greek New Testament.* This paraphrase is more than a modern language version—it uses more words to clarify otherwise ambiguous passages.

Louis Zamperini, *Devil at My Heels.* 251 pp. Dutton. $3.95. Evidence of the practical grace of God is seen in the life of this famous athlete who was converted in Billy Graham's Los Angeles campaign and who made history when he went back to Japan after the war to forgive his tormentors.

Fifty Best Books

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TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EVANGELICALS

Volumes listed below are not evangelical in sentiment and are so designated either because (1) they are doctrinally inarticulate, obscuring their evangelical loyalties; (2) they clearly reflect various degrees of departure from evangelicalism, yet represent a viewpoint or achievement with which evangelicals should be familiar; or (3) they are compilations of representative viewpoints and hence necessarily are not exclusively evangelical.

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The Bible Today; Historical, Social, and Literary Aspects of the Old and New Testaments, described by Christian scholars. xv, 208 pp. Harper. $5.00. These essays first appeared as a supplement to *The Times* of London. They contain many stimulating and informative observations on a wide variety of subjects, each by a leading authority.

Andrew W. Blackwood, *Doctrinal Preaching for Today.* Books about preaching are always coming out, but there can be few more appropriate volumes than this one emphasizing the doctrinal content of the sermon.

John Wick Bowman, *Prophetic Realism and the Gospel, a Preface to Biblical Theology.* 288 pp. Westminster. $4.75. The Sprunt lectures at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. "Jesus Christ is the supreme divine act in the redemptive history line" (p. 80).

Kenneth Cragg, *The Call of the Minaret.* 376 pp. Oxford. $6.25. Tensions between Christian and Moslem nations make this volume especially timely this year. The author knows the Arab world intimately, and is editor of *The Muslin World.*

Oscar Cullman, *The Early Church.* Edited by A. J. B. Higgins. xii, 217 pp. Westminster. $4.50. The Swiss New Testament scholar gets at a number of specifics in apostolic and subapostolic history adhering "unreservedly to the historical-philological method as the foundation of all interpretation of the oldest Christian documents" (p. xi).

Vergilius Ferm, ed., *Encyclopedia of Morals.* x, 682 pp. Philosophical Library. $10.00. A handbook of major monographs on many themes with an extensive system of cross references and indexing. A useful reference for pastor and library, although one will argue with the viewpoint often.

Floyd V. Filson, *Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.* 288 pp. Abingdon. $4.00. A biblical theology based on the central fulcrum of the resurrection of Christ but touching all the main doctrines of theology. It speaks of the death of Christ as vicarious.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Living of These Days, an Autobiography.* ix, 324 pp. Harper. $4.00. H. V. Kaltenborn calls Fosdick the "minister emeritus of all America." Of the modernist-fundamentalist controversy he says, "When the storm did break, chance placed me near the center, and I tell the story of the controversy" (p. 144).

L. H. Grollenberg, *Atlas of the Bible,* tr. by H. H. Rowley and Joyce M. H. Reid. 165 pp. Nelson. $15.00. The most original of the three or four Bible atlases issued during the year. Photographs and maps are abundant and the text voluminous.

E. W. Heaton, *Everyday Life in Old Testament Times.* 240 pp. Scribner. $3.95. There is no substitute for an intimacy with biblical antiquities if one wants to understand the Bible. There is much of value in this book for Sunday School teaching and for preaching.

Martin J. Heinecken, *The Moment Before God.* xiii, 386 pp. Muhlenberg. $5.95. Interpretation and critique of Kierkegaard by the professor of systematic theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Deals with the paradox, otherness of God, dread, and suffering.

William Ernest Hocking, *The Coming World Civilization.* xiv, 210 pp. Harper. $3.75. Believes that "the partial de-Christianization of the West brought about by the various secular movements is destined to work not only to the net advantage of the West, but also to that of a reconceived Christianity" (p. xii).

Katheryne Hulme, *The Nun's Story.* 339 pp. Little, Brown & Co. $4.00. More than a confession of an intimate life in a European cloister, this best seller is a chronicle of the inner life of a soul that lived an exciting life and then left it for outside freedom.

Ilion T. Jones, *Principles and Practice of Preaching.* 272 pp. Abingdon. $3.75. Believing that theologs grasp few of the principles of preaching in school, the author sets them forth for preachers in fourteen chapters.

Emil Kraeling, *The Old Testament Since the Reformation.* 320 pp. Harper. $5.00. The real problem is, should the Old Testament "have any authority in the Christian Church and if so how is that authority to be defined?" (p. 7). The book presents 400 years of the answer.

Randolph Crump Miller, *Education for Christian Living.* xiv, 418 pp. Prentice-Hall. $6.50. A magnum opus of materials concerning the administration and organization of Christian education on a theological basis.

Sigmund Mowinckel, *He That Cometh.* xvi. xvi, 528 pp. Abingdon. $6.50. A major contribution to Messianic studies stemming out of the Scandinavan school. To be compared with work of Klausner which recently appeared.

H. Richard Niebuhr., ed., *The Survey of Theological Education in the United States and Canada.* Vol. 1: *The Purpose of the Church and its Ministry.* Vol. 2: *The Ministry in Historical Perspectives.* Harper. $2.50, $5.00. One more volume to follow in this epoch-making work.

Ray C. Petry, *Christian Eschatology and Social Thought.* 415 pp. Abingdon. $5.00. An extensive survey of eschatological thought in the first 1500 years of Christianity during which "eschatology provided the basic motive and nucleating matter of Christian social thinking" (p. 16).

Adolf Schlatter, *The Church in the New Testament.* 336 pp. Macmillan. $4.25. Schlatter is one of the foremost New Testament scholars of Germany, and has written an extensive commentary on the New Testament. This is a significant contribution to New Testament theology.

Upton Sinclair, *The Cup of Fury.* 190 pp. Channel Press. $3.00. This frank expose of the influence of liquor in the lives of members of the author's family and among his acquaintances carries a terrific message.

David Wesley Soper, *Men Who Shape Belief.* 224 pp. Westminster. $3.50. A summary and appraisal of the lives of eleven major American theologians with representative quotations from their most important works.

Arnold Toynbee, *An Historian's Approach to Religion.* ix, 318 pp. Oxford. $5.00. The essence of long and critical study of world history and its religious implications. The Gifford Lecture at Edinburgh.

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ture and a short text on each page. The text is to be read to the child while he looks at the picture. With each there are three or four questions. We understand that Mr. Taylor did this book in honor of his tenth child.

Old Testament

Most fascinating of the Old Testament volumes received was Piet Worm's *Stories from the Old Testament,* published by Sheed and Ward ($3.00). The jacket itself, front and back, is covered with panel illustrations in color slightly reminiscent of the middle ages *Biblia Pauperum* illustrations. Both jacket and book are lavishly illustrated with gold and color, but the covers are bound in white fabricoid, with a gold title on the front cover on a black panel. The book was printed in Holland. The text is in manuscript style of printing. Stories do not go beyond the Joseph episode.

The largest of the Old Testament volumes is the *Giant Golden Bible: Old Testament,* deluxe ed. ($295). Stories are by Elsa Jane Werner and illustrations by Feodor Rojankovsky. Many pictures decorate the end papers. The front cover shows Noah's ark in state of construction. There are very interesting initial letters.

Fritz Kredel has illustrated a very dignified book by Daniel-Rops, *The Book of Books, the Story of the Old Testament.* (P. J. Kenedy & Sons. viii, 166 pp., $3.75) Typography in this volume is very attractive and while the illustrations are not profuse they are a successful adjunct to the text, which is paramount in this volume. The pen drawings are partially tinted with washed color. Daniel-Rops (a pseudonym) is a French Catholic of broad sympathies.

New Testament

Companion to the Old Testament volume is Simon and Schuster's *Giant Golden Bible: New Testament,* but there is a distinct difference in the illustrations. Elsa Jane Werner does the text here also, but the illustrations are by Alice and Martin Provensen, and they have produced a sort of neo-Byzantine stylistic atmosphere with halos, long faces, tiling, and some illuminated initials. A good deal of variation is employed in placing the pictures, some within the text, some at the top, bottom, sides, some forming corners of the printed page, and some extending across a page and a half. Younger children would in most cases have to be educated to appreciate this type of illustration. It is really for older children.

Fritz Kredel and Daniel-Rops have a companion volume also on the New Testament, which is comparable to the one on the Old Testament. To read these volumes one would never guess that they have been translated from the French, by Donal O'Kelly. Textual treatment is sympathetic and reveals a deep devotional understanding. Something of its charm can be seen in the opening sentences of the first two paragraphs of his chapter on the resurrection: "But no, this was far from being the end of Jesus! Who should have known this better than the Apostles . . . All the same it was hard for them to have faith in the future" (p. 137). As one would expect, the writer gives an identifiable Catholic interpretation at some points, but the book can be profitably read by a Protestant. On the main doctrines, including the vicarious atonement, he is very clear.

Prentice-Hall has put out a charming book by Norman Vincent Peale, *The Coming of the King;* the story of the nativity, illustrated by William Moyers ($2.00). The color tone is a lavender-pink, some pages being printed on a background of pink.

The Twelve Apostles, by Katherine Wood (P. J. Kenedy, $2.50) is a delightful book printed with a purplish-brown ink, both text and illustrations, many of which are in solid outline form with penned lines. This being a Catholic book, there is quite a bit of symbolism in the drawings, and the disciples are presented with the dates of celebration of the various apostles.

Broadman Press has again two volumes in the New Testament bracket, *Jesus, Once a Child,* by Sadie Holcombe Davis, and *They Saw Jesus,* by Robbie Trent. With paper over boards, cloth reinforced, and with pictures on the inside of both covers, as well as in the text, the publisher has taken every bit of space.

Three Little Golden Books fall into this category, but each is different. One of the regular series is *The Christmas Story,* by Jane Werner, pictures by Eloise Wilkin. A second is a Little Golden Stamp Book, *The Story of Baby Jesus,* with 18 stamps in full color, while the third is a Little Golden Cut-out Book, *Christmas Manger,* again by Jane Werner with pictures by Steffie Lerch. After the book has been thoroughly enjoyed as a book, the pictures may be cut out and a manger scene set up with full complement of figures. There is also the Golden Stamp Book, *The Story of Jesus,* with 48 colored stamps.

Concordia Publishing House has an inexpensive series of paper books called Sacred Art Bible Story Books. *The Wise Men,* by Morella Mensing, is a sample. The soft-toned lithographs are very interesting, lively, and graphic.

Miscellaneous

Among the Giant Golden Books there is one title that may be of interest at Christmas time, *The Golden Book of Christmas Tales, Legends From Many Lands,* with paintings by James Lewicki and text by Lillian Lewicki (Simon and Schuster, 28 pp., $1.50). End papers are decorated with a four-color design. The cherry tree legend, talking animals, the Glastonbury thorn, and other legends are charmingly told and illustrated.

Another interesting book is *Prayers for Children,* which comes in both the Little Golden Book series and also as a regular Golden Book (25c and $1.00). Pictures are by Eloise Wilkin. One picture is of a little girl with her face upturned drinking in the rain.

I Can Tell God Things, by Robbie Trent and illustrated by Pelagie Doan, is designed to lead the child into a natural approach to God in both prayer, and worship (Broadman, $1.50). Scripture, blank verse, a prayer, and a picture characterize the double-page spread. For a Christian home life there are many suggestions and encouragements in Elizabeth B. Jones' *God Plans for Happy Families: Devotional Thoughts for Children* (Warner Press). Illustrated by photographs, with attractive typography, this book itself leads directly into what it aims to inculcate.

The Children's Book of Common Prayer is a fascinating attempt to put into juvenile language the riches of the Protestant Episcopal classic. Virginia Cramp has done a very interesting piece of work here (Exposition Press, x, 89 pp., $3.00).

World Distributors of Manchester, England, sent along three illustrated books. *Bible Treasures* contains several stories with colored pictures. There are two pop-up books, which contain several scenes that spring into three-dimension reality when the books are opened, *A Child's Story of Jesus in Living Pictures,* and *A Child's Bible Treasury in Living Pictures.* Stories are retold by Lillian Ryder and pictures are by Carl Haworth.

A child is a person, and for him to begin his own personal library when he is young, no matter how small it might be, will probably foster a love for books that will carry over into adult life. Many of these books would also be worthy of a place in the church library.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

The Power of Books

▪ MUCH IS WRITTEN about the power of the press, but what about the power of books? Most of that which is written in the press is of passing interest, but books may endure for generations.

The occasion of our annual Book Number recalls a particular incident in evangelical history when a book brought a world-shaking revival. President Humphrey of Amherst once said of the mighty evangelist George Whitfield, "It is questionable whether any preacher since the days of the Apostles has done so much, in a degenerate age, to arouse the churches."

When Whitfield went to Oxford University in 1732 he appeared to be an ordinary fellow, but Charles Wesley put a book in his hand entitled, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man.* This book convinced Whitfield that religion did not consist merely of going to church, keeping out of jail, paying one's pew rent and being of a charitable mind. Scougal taught that "true religion is a union of the soul with God, or Christ formed within us."

Whitfield read and re-read the book. Then came two years of prayer and wrestling of spirit. About seven weeks after Easter, 1735 Whitfield wrote, "God was pleased at length to remove the heavy load, to enable me to lay hold on His dear Son by a living faith, and by giving me the spirit of adoption, to seal me, as I humbly hope, even to the day of everlasting redemption." After that Whitfield was like a brand of fire for God, lighting up the dark places wherever he went.

Butler in his *Life and Letters of Robert Leighton* said Scougal's book was one of the earliest and most potent forces in moulding not only Whitfield but John and Charles Wesley and the Oxford "Methodists."

The same and more could be said for Calvin's *Institution of the Christian Religion* which not only effected the theological reformation of vast proportions but was the parent of a philosophy which inspired many of the progressive movements of three hundred years in Britain, Holland and North America.

What is the secret of the power of books like these? The explosive force of God-given ideas, conceived in the minds of great writers, generated in the hearts of men who read and then exploded in history. God still needs great men who are great writers to turn the modern world upside down for truth and righteousness.

Tongues for Christ

▪ JAMES TELLS US that "the tongue is a fire—a world of iniquity placed within us, spotting and soiling our whole nature and setting the whole round of our nature on fire, being itself set on fire from hell." And then he goes on to say that "brute nature under all its forms can be subjected and kept in subjection by man. But the tongue no man or woman is able to tame. It is an ever busy mischief and full of deadly poison."

The whole world is cursed by the wagging tongues of people who speak before they think. Characters are defamed by them. Homes are wrecked by them. Organizations are wrecked, governments are undermined, hates are engendered, wars are started because of them.

Even our modern churches are not exempt from the devastation wrought by their loose-tongued members. Out of their mouths come blessing and cursing. They woo and they ruin. Of such James observes, "My brethren, this ought not to be. In a fountain are fresh water and bitter sent out from the same opening? Can a fig tree yield olives or a vine yield figs? No; and neither can salt water yield sweet." He is saying, in effect, a true Christian must speak as a Christian. He must live in word as well as in deed.

What is the secret of victory over this instrument so full of potential evil? Its delivery over to Christ Jesus. If it is our tongue, we will never be able to control it, even though we exert all the will power at our command. If it is His, He will control it. Out of the Christ-filled life will come a speech that is pure, peaceful, courteous, compassionate and sincere. It will be the seed which will eventuate in a harvest of righteousness.

An ancient Greek philosopher bade his friends to join him in a feast at which the chief article of diet was to be "the worst thing in the world." He served tongue. At the conclusion of the repast he invited them to return to another at which he promised to serve "the best thing in the world." Again the guests were served with tongue. Said the philospher, "The tongue is at once the instrument for the worst and the best within us. Let us use it always for the best."

Tongues for Christ can tell the story of redemption, sing His praise and be a blessing to all with whom we come in contact.

London and the Vatican

▪ OUR BRITISH COUSINS, as well as we, are having their Vatican troubles. The Romanists there, as well as here, are eternally determined to establish high diplomatic relations with the two Protestant governments which virtually control the Western world.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, visited the Pope last January to talk things over. The Rome correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* reported, "The British government will shortly re-examine, I understand, the question of inviting the Holy See to establish a diplomatic mission in London."

USA Vice President Richard M. Nixon, in March, also visited the Pope, but no one in the know in America has, so far, been frank enough to so evaluate our situation.

Britain has an Apostolic Delegate, as do we. He represents the Vatican as an ambassador but he is without portfolio. British Protestants look at their problem in the same basic way as we do, but England has a State Church and they express their opposition a bit differently.

Britons say the original Reformation settlement by the Crown and the Established Church determined that "the Bishop of Rome hath no jurisdiction in this Realm of England." Great Britain's recognition of the Papal delegate as a full ambassador would reverse the settlement with serious repercussions in many quarters. The recognition would strengthen the Pope's claim to be "the Father of Princes and Kings and Rulers of the World." It would also vastly increase the political power of the Roman Catholic bishops in England.

The editor of the *Church Gazette* observes, "The men of God who effected the settlement saw clearly that there could not be two sovereign powers in one realm, and that any acceptance of the Bishop of Rome as such violated the whole spirit of the Gospel of Christ, and Rome, being what she is, was inseparable from a spiritual tyranny by which the national independence would be menaced and personal religious convictions ruthlessly suppressed."

The *Gazette* says "the situation is undoubtedly very serious" in Britain, as, indeed, it is in America. Now is the time for all good Protestants to come to the aid of freedom.

The Reformed Churches Speak

▪ IT IS ENCOURAGING to note the strong stand of the North American Area of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, at its recent meeting in Atlantic City, against the rape of the Reformed Church in Hungary.

Speaking of the arrests of the non-Communist Hungarian churchmen who led the Church in the brief period of freedom during the recent revolution, the NAA declared, "It is obvious that these arrests, coming so many months after the October-November uprising, are a part of an effort of the present regime in Hungary to put pressure on the Reformed Church. Such arrests coming at this late date cannot be explained as the result of any alleged illegal activities of these men who are no more guilty of political crimes than 90 per cent of the Hungarian people."

The North American Area of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches also took the following actions:

a. We call upon our member churches to withhold all corporate financial aid from the Reformed Church in Hungary through the Alliance, World Council of Churches, or directly until representatives of the Alliance or of the World Council of Churches have had opportunity to visit Hungary and assure themselves that the elected leaders of the church are men who have the confidence of the congregations and are not puppets of the government. Further we must be assured that a realistic exchange rate will be granted by the government for all dollars transmitted to the Reformed Church and its institutions.

b. We call upon our member churches to hold up our sister church in Hungary in prayer to God that its ministers and members may stand firm in this critical period of trial, and particularly in demanding freedom to elect their own leadership in the church elections that we understand are scheduled to take place next month.

c. We warn the government of Hungary that, in our judgment, the Reformed and Presbyterian churches throughout the world, including the church in Hungary, will be in resolute resistance to the government of Hungary if the church leaders of that nation, whom the Reformed congregations trust, are imprisoned, silenced, banished, or otherwise persecuted for alleged political crimes.

What a glaring contrast to the temporizing and compromising strategies of the World Council of Churches in the Hungarian church situation. The Council's most noble gesture was a note to the Red regime indicating that the NCC was "gravely disturbed."

World Council partisans say that the January conversations at Prague with Janos Horvath, head of the Hungarian State Office for Church Affairs, (*Action,* March 1 and 15) were for the purpose of urging free elections in the Reformed Church. Possibly so, but the widely announced agreements were with Red leaders and the results speak for themselves.

We must not forget that these World Council leaders are the same men who "rolled out the red carpet" at Evanston for the notorious Bishops John Peter and Albert Bereczky who had sold out the Reformed Church to the Soviet imperialism. Not only so, but the WCC elected to its all-powerful Central Committee another Red, Dr. Laszlo Pap. The Committee then proceeded to hold its next official meeting behind the iron curtain in Hungary, saying in effect to the world that it approved the Red leadership of the Reformed Church—the leadership which the Church immediately repudiated when it was free to express itself in the all-too-brief hiatus of the revolution. The record of the WCC in the Hungarian situation is thoroughly reprehensible.

It is, therefore, most refreshing to see this courageous "grass-roots" expression from so large a company of World Council adherents in the Alliance of Reformed Churches. We have always believed that there are many splendid right-thinking people in the WCC, who, if given freedom of expression, would change things for the better. But the ecclesiastical yoke they have accepted predestines them to ultimate slavery.

NAE Convention Report

▪ OUR NEXT ISSUE will be largely devoted to a report of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals at the Statler Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., April 2-4.

We gave our readers a digest report in the April 15 issue, but our small staff needed extra time to verify and edit the mass of information collected at Buffalo, in order to produce a comprehensive story of this wonderful gatherings.

Buffalo was a great demonstration of the growing unity of the modern-day evangelical movement and the increasing impact it is making on the religious world. Don't miss the report in the May 15 number. It will be next best to being in Buffalo.

Potpourri

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has abolished the National Security Training Commission. It will go out of existence June 30. This does not mean, however, that Universal Military Training is dead. It means only that NSTC has sold us its "bill of goods" and from now on UMT is a permanent part of American life. . . . . THE UNITED NATIONS is the "world's best political hope," according to propaganda being foisted upon the churches by the National Council. We delude ourselves if we believe that there is any "best political hope" apart from the world's only hope, Jesus Christ our sovereign Lord. . . . . EVOLUTIONISTS call the Genesis story a myth and then proceed to accept drivel like this: Dr. Wm. Spoor of the University of Cincinnati says that a million years from now people will have larger heads and brains, smaller jaws, fewer teeth, a lower rate of development, a coffee-colored skin, no appendixes or tonsils, a longer but more infantile life. . . . . HITTING THE BOTTLE is the favorite juvenile pastime, according to the Gilbert Youth Research Foundation. Seventy-nine per cent of American youth admit at least one try at drinking liquor. Twelve per cent got it at night clubs, thirty-three per cent at parties and neighborhood bars and fifty-six per cent at home. . . . NATIONALISM IS A BAD THING, according to the Committee on Christian Responsibility for European Cooperation of the World Council of Churches. In a recent statement issued in Geneva the Committee said, "At no time has nationalism been a Christian virtue, even though at times the Christian churches, intentionally or unintentionally, have served as its ideological bulwark." Jehovah's Witnesses say the same thing.

BOOK SHELF

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"Christian Personal Ethics." Carl F. H. Henry. 615 pp. Eerdmans. $6.95.

There is no doubt that this magnum opus of Professor Henry is a most timely and valuable contribution to the literature of Christian ethics, deserving most careful study by pastors, educators, and laymen in general who desire to help our perishing immoral age regain a sure foundation on which to build a better world. It is profound, but also intelligible, and the reader may easily follow the author's arguments. It is scientific, yet also practical, and from it may be extracted many seed thoughts for sermons and topic discussions. It is deeply philosophical, yet also truly Christian, oriented to God's Word as set forth in Holy Scripture. It reiterates Paul's triumphant challenge that God has declared foolish the wisdom of this age and has proved His own divine Word a power of salvation to all who believe. In its first part, pp. 1-142, it convincingly demonstrates that every man-made system of ethics from the time of ancient Greek philosophy to that of the latest philosophical existentialism has utterly failed and that man's hope for a moral society lies only in God's inspired norm of moral living. Acknowledging his sinfulness, man must seek reunion with God by accepting Christ's redemption, for the Christian moral life is anchored in love for God and mankind that flows from faith in Christ, the world's Redeemer and Example. All this Dr. Henry elaborates in a strictly scientific method, at the hand of endless quotations from learned works, yet always in understandable language and with profound practical insights that incite the reader's interest and hold him spellbound to the end. While this undeniable masterpiece centers in the area of Christian personal ethics, it also moves in the purlieus of Christian apologetics, proving that while every non-Christian pattern of morality is bound to fail the divine living Christ never fails a Christian society which believingly walks in His footsteps.—*J. Theodore Mueller.*

"Co-operation Without Compromise, a History of the National Association of Evangelicals." James DeForest Murch. 220 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50.

Sooner or later the history of NAE had to be written, not before it had a history, but before the first generation of its leaders had passed on. It is entirely fitting that the editor of ACTION, who has been with the movement from the beginning, and who has seen it in its literary aspects more closely than anyone else, should write it. His editorial experience began in 1916 when he was assistant editor of the *Christian Standard.*

The first chapter is devoted to background movements toward evangelical co-operation, such as the Evangelical Alliance. The liberals are accused in this chapter of raising "the first organized impediments to co-operative effort in America" (p. 18). Chapters III and IV develop the defection of the liberal movement as it came to be headed up in the Federal Council and as it sought to gain control of American church affairs. This laid the foundation from which sprang the feeling on the part of a growing group of evangelical leaders that the time had come for determined and united action to preserve and propagate in freedom the faith of the Scriptures as proclaimed by the great evangelists and missionaries of previous generations.

The first call to assemble in St. Louis in 1942 went out from a small group of men that had met the previous year at Moody Bible Institute. The New England Fellowship had really spurred this move by calling for further action on a national basis. From there the story proceeds with detail of meetings, pronouncements, names, and committees. With care the author develops the story of the fight to prevent the Federal Council from obtaining a strangle hold on religious broadcasting in America. A similar struggle in the field of Christian and ministerial education is recounted in Chapter VII. The development of the Christian day school movement is outlined. Foreign missions and evangelism have come into a new day of effectiveness through the efforts of the Association. The evangelical press has been encouraged. Many commissions devoted to study and action in social, national, and other fields, were formed and reported every year at the national convention. An International Association of Evangelicals was formed in 1951.

It is impossible, of course, for Dr. Murch to speak with absolute objectivity at all times. He speaks with profound conviction out of the fresh memory of the conflict and out of the heat of the battle. But the record will stand in its essential points as one of the most significant chronicles of religious life in America in this century. The review editor was privileged to be a delegate to the constitutional convention in Chicago in 1943, and has been keenly interested in the movement ever since. The book carries an eight-column index and bibliographical footnotes.

"The Minor Prophets." Theo. Laetsch. xiv. 56F pp. Concordia. $5.00.

Here is a thrilling commentary on an exciting portion of Scripture. The scholars of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have set themselves to the task of preparing a Bible commentary under the direction of the Church's Literature Board, and this is the second of the series. For each book there is an introduction, chiefly concerning historical and background matters (one could wish that a little more attention had been paid to critical matters). The expositions are very helpful with boldface captions and analytical outlines. Grammatical notes deal with the Hebrew text at points that need elucidation, and the commentary proper abounds in Scriptural cross references to other literature. There is much meat here for preaching and for spiritual growth.

"The Bridge, a Yearbook of Judaeo-Christian Studies." Vol. I. Edited by John M. Oesterreicher. 349 pp. Pantheon. $3.95.

There are numbers of efforts on the part of Protestants to create and maintain a working basis of fellowship with the Jews on the religious level and now we have a significant effort by the Catholic Church in the form of The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, where this volume was compiled and for whom it is published. There are fourteen monographs of high caliber by both Jews and Catholics dealing with a variety of subjects ranging from Abraham to Matthew and beyond. A few samples will doubtless whet the appetite of scholars of both sides of the middle wall of partition, which may become smaller as a result of this volume: "Marc Chagall, Painter of the Crucified," by Cornelia and Irving Sussman; "Hebrew, Israelite, Jew, in the New Testament," by Richard Kugelman; "Abraham Heschel and Prayer," by Edward A. Synan, etc. Major reviews of five books take up twenty-seven pages, among which are such books as "Jew and Greek," by Gregory Dix and "Two Types of Faith," by Martin Buber. This venture will be watched with interest by all interested in Jewish-Christian relationships.

"All Other Ground." Argye M. Briggs. 273 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00.

The author of "Root Out of Dry Ground," "The Hem of His Garment," and other inspiring stories of a religious yet human nature has produced another memorable novel.

A more unlikely person to receive a "call" to preach than Martin Ramsey would be hard to imagine. In the little Oklahoma community of Eddings he was known as "that wild Ramsey kid." Under the influence of his "girl," Becky, whom he marries in impulsive haste, and because that strange "divine call" becomes inescapably persistent, Martin begins the struggle to rise to that high point from which he sees that all other ground is sinking sand.

The story of Martin's struggle against, and finally his surrender to, that "call" involves financial sacrifice, long hours of study, and finally a period of service as Chaplain in the war-torn Orient. It is from this latter experience that Martin gains missionary zeal, but it becomes clear to him that his "field" of service lies in a church "back home." This powerful novel reveals the inner workings of the human heart which is touched by the power of Christ.

"The Living of These Days, an Autobiography." Harry Emerson Fosdick. ix, 324 pp. Harper. $4.00.

The title of this book is a line from a hymn Dr. Fosdick wrote for the dedication of the new Riverside Church in New York. The story of the building and development of this famous church by its first pastor is an interesting story. It is only one of the many stories related in this book, in which the author develops also his philosophy of preaching and sets forth the main lines of his theological position. He has been retired now for ten years. The storm of controversy that raged for years about his head has somewhat subsided. The issues themselves are no less sharply drawn, however, Dr. Fosdick himself is shrewd enough to know where the real cruxes lie. "My own struggle for liberation from the theological dogmatism in which I was reared," he writes, "has been only a pale reflection of a whole generation's revolt" (p. 229).

In speaking of his own theological position he says that he could be neither "a theological reactionary nor a theological radical," but he is sure that "static orthodoxies . . . are a menace to the Christian cause" (pp. 229,30). He says he could not subscribe to any of the great Christian creeds as they stand. It is important that we should have the story of the development of this attitude, much as we may lament it. One will have to respect the author's open mind toward criticism, an attitude which his critics for the most part would not foster in respect to themselves.

"Our Reasonable Faith." Herman Bavinck. 568 pp. Eerdmans. $6.95.

It has been some time since a systematic theology has appeared. The tendency now is to write on sections of doctrine or to treat special problems of theology more fully than can be done in a systematic work. Of course this one was not written yesterday. It is really a translation of the Dutch original, *Magnalia Dei,* published in 1909, which was in turn a compendium of his four-volume *Gereformeerde Dogmatiek,* first published in 1895-1901 and in revised form in 1906-1911. There is a freshness and timeliness about the work of a man whose concern was with the Scriptures primarily, although he had a depth and spread of knowledge that would have ranked him high on any university faculty. He is to be classified as a Reformed, and therefore a covenant, theologian. While his method is that of the systematic theologian, his material is always biblical and heavily supported by Scriptural references. The eyes of scrutiny that he uses, however, are those of the philosopher, politician (he was a member of Holland's Upper House from 1911 on), educator, psychologist, and churchman.

Because he had written extensively on revelation, one is not surprised to see considerable attention given to it here also. After dealing with both general and special revelation he is forced to say that "Our knowledge of revelation, both the general and the special, comes to us from the Holy Scriptures" (p. 95). He has already guarded against the neo-orthodox view of the limitations of the Scripture with reference to the real revelation when he cautions, "Scripture according to this view remains a record of revelation, but an incidental and defective one . . . Such a view of the matter is in itself very unlikely" (p. 96, 97). The doctrine of Christ in this work is full of rich interpretation. There is a deep satisfacton that one gets in going through the doctrines of redemption. The weakest part of the book is the section on eschatology, which occupies a little over twenty pages. The work suffers from the lack of an index.

"The Gospel According to St. Luke." William F. Arndt. ix, 523 pp. Concordia. $6.50.

This scholarly commentary on the third Gospel should have a warm reception. Following an introduction of 36 pages, the body of the commentary proceeds according to this arrangement: a section of the text is given, then a summary of its content, followed in turn by detached notes on matters of special interest. Often pivotal Greek words receives special attention.

For the most part the author follows in the conservative tradition. In textual criticism he makes considerable use of Streeter's theory of local texts. He has scant use for form criticism. His date of 61 for the writ-

ing of the Gospel is earlier than most will allow. Few will be inclined to follow him in the identification of Luke with Lucius of Cyrene.

All in all, this is a very serviceable piece of work. One finds a judicious use of the leading German and French works as well as the commentaries in English which have become familiar to Bible students. The book should prove particularly helpful to pastors and ministerial students.—*Everett F. Harrison.*

"Dimensions of Character." Ernest M. Ligon. xxix, 497 pp. Macmillan. $6.50.

This is an extremely important book for anyone in the fields of Christian education, pastoral service, or counselling and guidance. The author sets forth four basic concepts. (1) The infinity principle, "since truth is infinite we shall never find final answers." (2) The individual influences his environment far more than his evironment influences him. (3) The concept of individual differences requires the adaptions of all educational material to each individual exposed to them. (4) The positive potential concept based on the assumption that man has not even begun to approach his maximum potential.

The writer is eclectic in his approach, making use of the findings of most of the major schools of psychology. However, he holds to a dynamic theory in which it is postulated that human behavior can only be understood in terms of its dynamic forces. Consequently, a psychology in terms of "adjustment" only, is held to be inadequate. Reduction of tension is only one aspect of motivation. The highest motivations come from insight into one's potential, based "on the hypothesis that the individual is basically the determiner of his destiny more than his environment."

The role of perception is emphasized. He holds that not just the stimulus, but how one perceives the stimulus, becomes of major importance. This is in agreement with the Gestalt point of view.

Of particular importance to the vocational counselor is the emphasis placed on the concept of "positive potential." This concept presents the possibility of so harnessing all of the power of the dynamics of one's personality that even one with modest intellectual endowment may render a unique and important service to God.

A primary emphasis of the book is the value of research as it relates to the scientific method. One may feel that the author is too optimistic in this respect. However, concrete ways are given by which research may be brought to bear on the curriculum. Certainly, his point is valid that using a curriculum not subjected to such evaluation leads to a waste of energy, and even serious negative results.

Although there is an effort made to stay away from any theological implications, it is impossible to write such a book as this without some biblical interpretations. Many will not agree with some of them. One could gain the impression that too much emphasis is placed on the learning aspect without enough on what God does in the human heart, as the result of the operation of Divine grace. However, the purpose of the book was primarily to present a framework of experimental design in which the scientific method can be used to improve character education. If the book is studied in the light of its objectives, it can be of significant value to the Christian educator.—*George H. Moore.*

"Is the Rapture Next?" Leon J. Wood. 120 pp. Zondervan. $2.00.

This recent defense of the pretribulation return of Christ is the outcome of a faculty study group on this important issue at the Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary. Professor Wood was chairman of this group and has, at the request of his colleagues, put the results of their inquiry into this permanent form. The firm conclusion is that the Bible clearly teaches the return of Christ before any part of the coming Tribulation. The book seeks to clarify the Scriptural basis which leads to this conclusion.

The work is divided into two major sections. The first considers chiefly those passages which normally are used to support pretribulationalism. Included in this section is a brief analysis of the subject of imminency, and a consideration of important passages such as Revelation 3:10 and the pertinent passages of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. According to the author, these are the "yes" passages, and the decision is reached that they definitely say "yes," meaning that the Church shall escape the Tribulation.

The second section of the book treats the "no" passages, those verses which have been appealed to in order to establish the posttribulation position. It is demonstrated that these passages fail to sustain such a viewpoint, but readily may be reconciled to the view defended by the author. The Olivet discourse of Christ and the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead are the chief subjects to be treated here.

The latter half of the book speaks with greater clarity and conviction than the first half. Many readers will feel that Mr. Wood musters enough strength to draw his early conclusions more strongly. Some will be bothered by the absence of a smooth, flowing style, and by the fact that the book frequently has the appearance of being hastily put together. Others will miss bibliography, topical and Scriptural indexes, and adequate documentation. Nevertheless, these weaknesses are more than offset by the one great strength of the book—its consistent appeal to the authority of the Word of God. Leon Wood does not analyze arguments; he analyzes Scriptures. For a quick survey of the verses which prove the imminent return of Christ, and not for a detailed study of all the problems involved, this book makes a valuable contribution. It is a primer for the pretribulational viewpoint. —*Gerald B. Stanton.*

Just Off the Press

New Karl Barth, *Doctrine of Reconciliation* (IV, 1, of the original, and the third volume to appear in English, Scribner); G. C. Berkouwer, *Faith and Perseverance* (Eerdmans); G. R. Cargg, *Puritanism in the Period of Great Persecution* (Cambridge); Elizabeth Elliott, *Through Gates of Splendor* (the story of the five missionary martyrs in Ecuador, with 64 pp. of pictures, Harper); Henry Guntrip, *Psychotherapy and Religion* (Harper); Benson Y. Landis, *World Religions* (Dutton); C. F. D. Moule, *Colossians and Philemon* (apparently a resumption of the famous series, Cambridge Greek Testament, Cambridge).

"Jesus Christ the Risen Lord." Floyd V. Filson. 288 pp. Abingdon. $4.00.

The central concern of this book is the setting forth of the focal point of the Christian faith. Past emphasis has been upon the fact of God, the need of man, the incarnation, the ministry and teaching of Jesus, or the cross; but Dr. Filson, after careful analysis of the above truths, marshals an impressive array of arguments in favor of the resurrection of Christ as being the true biblical interpretative clue. The reader is impressed by the author's reverent and scholarly handling of the Scripture. The words beneath the title on the jacket, "A Biblical Theology Based on the Resurrection," mean exactly what they say. Scripture is explained, not explained away. The perspective is always, "What did the early church mean by what was said?" rather than, "What twentieth century interpretation can be given to the words of Scripture."

The book is characterized by splendid documentation, a valuable bibliography, excellent form, and clarity of speech. Every pastor can profitably read it. Its basic truths are so clearly outlined that many a preacher will want to use them as a framework for development of his own sermons. Scattered throughout the book are gems of truth that will be new to even the experienced, well-read Christian leader.

There is a clear emphasis upon the work of God in Christ upon the cross: the substitutionary, vicarious death of Christ for our sins is affirmed as the accepted teaching of the Scripture writers. From this emphasis upon what Christ *DID* in redemption Dr. Filson leads to what He *WAS* as a person, believing that this was the developmental pattern of the Christology of the early church. From what He *WAS* as person in the flesh, "begotten by the miraculous act of God," "not guilty of personal sin," and "one who gives to all of his people a share in a renewed human race," the author leads from the biblical teachings about a literal resurrection of the person of Christ, to what He now *IS* as the risen, LIVING LORD.

The risen, living Christ is at the forefront throughout the book. The various chapters show Him as He is related to Israel, the Old Testament, the Kingdom, the Cross, the Father, the Spirit, the Church, the Christian, and the Final Goal.

This book will undoubtedly continue to live because of its faithful elucidation of biblical truths.—*George M. Johnson.*

"Kept From the Hour." Gerald E. Stanton. 320 pp. Zondervan. $3.95.

Within the last few years there has been a lively discussion in evangelical circles concerning the time of the rapture of the church, and several books have been written on both sides of the question. Dr. Stanton has contributed to this literary debate a sizable volume of more than three hundred pages, defending the position of a pre-tribulation rapture. He includes in his treatment an analysis of the character of the Tribulation, the relation of Jesus' Olivet discourse to the church, a definition of "imminency," evaluations of the mid- and posttribulation theories, and a defense of the literal method of the interpretation of Scripture. His presentation is systematic, lucid, generally irenic, and fairly self-consistent. He has avoided some of the fallacies which former interpreters committed, and he has succeeded in making some acute criticisms of the theories of his opponents.

Dr. Stanton concedes that no categorical statement of the time of the rapture is given in Scripture (p. 43), and he hesitates about being overly dogmatic. It is to be noted, however, that he does not speak of the "Pretribulation Rapture Theory" as he does of the "Midtribulation Rapture Theory," but that he evidently regards the pretribulation rapture as proved already, and not debatable. The book could have been improved by a fuller study of the continuity between the revelation of the Old Testament and the eschatology of the New Testament, and by a more careful consideration of the teaching of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, whose silence on this particular question may be significant. Although they were by no means infallible, they reflected the interpretation of their day, and showed how the teachings on the Lord's coming were understood and used by the early church.

In any case, the final question is not who will win the argument, but how the word of God may be interpreted correctly. Pre-, mid-, and posttribulationists alike can in the meantime await with eagerness the Lord's sure return.—*Merrill C. Tenney.*

"The Dead Sea Scriptures in English Translation, With Introduction and Notes." Theodor H. Gaster. x, 350 pp. Doubleday Anchor Books. 95c.

Now the layman can read the Dead Sea Scrolls in English and see for himself just what they contain. The total findings of books and fragments in the caves will fill some seven volumes when they are all published, but that set will be for the scholars and libraries. Nothing in contemporary literature has created more lasting interest than the Scrolls. Implications for biblical studies will be explored by scholars for decades to come, but for the average man there are some moral, ethical, and spiritual lessons that can be learned from these intensely devoted Covenanters of the times just before the Christian era began.

"The Bible as History." by Werner Keller, translated from the German by William Neil. 520 pp. Book-of-the-Month Club, Inc. $5.95.

This is a popular treatment of archaeological discoveries as they bear upon the authenticity of the Bible. It is a lively, fascinatingly written account that is slanted toward the reader who knows little or nothing concerning biblical archaeology, but who may be expected to read this book as one would a novel. Werner Keller is one of Germany's foremost journalists in the field of science. The author definitely shows his talents for popularization in his stimulating treatment of a subject that has generally been too closely confined to the scholar and the technical expert. What most books on archaeology fail to do in capturing the interest of the masses, Keller's book apparently is succeeding in doing. In Germany, where it was first published it set the amazing sales record of 150,000 copies in 150 days. It is also meeting with ardent

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Policy in the Mill

Those who are conscious of the American heritage and who are aware of the implications of America's position in contemporary world affairs, will agree that as a nation we have a ponderous responsibility in sharing with the world our basic ideals and in working toward an ever wider understanding of those ideals. In large measure this is the task we have assigned to the United States Information Agency, and to the Voice of America which is an integral part thereof.

Arthur Larson, prominent Republican and Director of the Agency, made reference to this task in a speech delivered to the Philadelphia Bulletin Forum on March 31. "It is up to us," he said, "to see that the truth about what we stand for and are trying to do is at all times available to interested people around the world."

Christians, in this context, are impelled to feel that this question has no more important phase than that of freedom of religion and religious expression. This is emphasized by the fact that Christians see the largest part of the world population either totally or partially cut off from the redeeming message carried by the evangelical missionary.

It would seem to follow that the missionary should, in theory at least, view the Information Agency as an effective advocate of the basic ideal which makes the Christian mission possible.

However, the fact is that this viewpoint has been totally without cultivation, and in some instances has been choked out prematurely by misunderstandings centered around the religious policy of the Agency.

A case in point is the misunderstanding which was highlighted in the *Christian Century* of March 27, wherein a message of greeting from Dr. Elton Trueblood, former religious adviser of the Agency, to the followers of Islam was quoted editorially. This message which had been used by the Voice of America referred to Mohammed as "the Great Prophet of Islam," and repeatedly extolled those facets of Moslem doctrine which Dr. Trueblood considered commendable.

The misunderstanding was compounded by the fact that the *Century* quoted an English translation of a Persian condensation of a Persian translation of a message which had originally been written in English. But nevertheless the original message in both slant and wording was injudicious, to say the least, and there is evidence that Information Agency officials who have studied the matter in retrospect feel that it was quite unfortunate.

But if the message itself was unfortunate, the *Century's* unavoidable implication that this message was typical of Voice policy was even more unfortunate. Such a wide generalization is not justified. While the Agency does follow a system of sending greetings to people in other parts of the world on special occasions, both religious and otherwise, such messages are usually quite general and rarely if ever employ slants similar to that used by Dr. Trueblood.

The fact is that Dr. Trueblood's message was opposed to the stated policy

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of the Agency, which says that "religion is debased" when used as a political "weapon."

But the attention which has been drawn to this one case may in a sense be quite beneficial. It can now be said for sure that the U. S. Information Agency is aware of the necessity to avoid hypocrisy in dealing with religions which are not largely represented in the United States. It appears that the treatment of such religions is to be limited almost entirely to making the point that such religions are free to worship in America.

It can also be said that the Agency staff—clear up to the director—is concerned that the religious life in America be depicted fairly. This does not mean that there are quick, easy answers for the problems which repeatedly present themselves in the shop of the advisory staff on religion. Balanced reporting on the religious scene in a spiritually pluralistic society may not be a commodity which is always immediately obtainable. Nevertheless it is always the goal.

Perhaps the greatest encouragement is in the fact that the advisory staff on religious matters takes its job seriously. With this as an assumption, the American public can feel reasonably sure that the Information Agency is moving ahead in telling the story of religious freedom in America.

Alcohol or Action

Most observers in Washington who are familiar with the moods toward temperance legislation cannot honestly give the alcohol bills much more chance of success in this Congress than they have met with in recent years. The one exception to this rule could be the bills to ban airline service of alcoholic beverages.

In the first place this is not an election year. Congressional attention in the field of alcohol legislation has frequently been associated with election considerations. In fact, to some extent it has become a game of cat and mouse between Congress and temperance officials.

The unwritten rules of this game provide that no attention is paid to temperance measures (banning of interstate advertising of alcohol is a good example) until very late in the Congressional year. Then if there is enough pressure on members of Congress from the "people at home"—those who have been stirred to action by the temperance officials—a hearing on pending alcohol bills may be scheduled.

After the hearings, in which members of Congress demonstrate remarkable concern about the problem at hand, the bill is held in committee, usually until Congress goes home. Then it is too late. But members of Congress return to their districts hoping for the teetotaler's vote and the public is left hoping that the next Congress will be more effective in dealing with this problem.

Congress does not really work on this problem, in spite of the fact that on Capitol Hill there is a general uneasiness about the fact that alcohol is so frequently associated with our most serious national problems, such as youth delinquency and highway safety.

Church and temperance leaders also share in the responsibility for the lack of effectiveness. In large measure they have dealt in stock approaches and have failed to lay the foundation of good public relations on which an effective program can be built.

Examination of the evangelical churches will show that they have taken a vigorous stand within the confines of their own membership. But they have failed to exert their leadership and influence in the community at large, except that they have opposed a zoning regulation here and there.

To say that evangelicals should work only for the conversion of the unregenerate and thus meet the problem at the individual level is over-simplification. It does not touch the fact that a tremendous cross-section of the population is kept from a commitment to Christ because of its attachment to the routine of worldly pleasure in which alcohol plays such a large role.

A partial answer to this problem is to salvage some of the many millions of wasted evangelical man-hours, and to put them to work in the interest of community leadership. The presence of one evangelical in a local safety council, for instance, could well keep the whole group from neatly dodging the fact that alcohol is the number two killer on the highways of the nation.

This kind of action would soon be felt on the national level, and without a doubt there would soon be evangelical representation on the council which deals with the safety problems at the national level.

Church Building Up

The Departments of Commerce and Labor, forecasting the outlook for the construction industry in 1957, says the figure will be $100,000,000 more than last year's total which was $775,000,000.

The thirteen per cent increase is anticipated despite a probable reduction in construction work in many fields, including new homes, during the coming year, the government report said.

Church building will account for about two per cent of all construction activity next year, the largest share in American history.

Total construction by private citizens and government agencies will amount to $46.4 billion in 1957, an increase of five per cent over 1956.

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NAE Eastern Regional Convention Is Success

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.—Meeting for the first time in annual convention here March 11, 12 the newly organized Eastern Region of the National Association of Evangelicals has already vindicated the faith of its founders. The young region is approximately one year old and comprises evangelicals in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Attendance at day time sessions was over 150 and evening sessions reached over the 300 mark. Chief speaker for the event was Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. NAE Commission leaders and other invited guests participated in the program and in the practical work shop sessions planned. Spirit of the meetings ran high and the interest of pastors and churches in continuing this great work reached a high point when a number of pastors spontaneously took the floor to speak of their quickened NAE interest and to pledge themselves to greater activity and support of NAE in the Eastern Region that such good work might continue to expand.

Officers elected at Williamsport were: President, Dr. Russell Jones—Bloomfield, N. J.; Vice President, Rev. Howard Tucker—Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Secretary, Mr. R. M. Easley—Schenectady, N. Y.; Treasurer, Rev. F. J. Taylor—Williamsport, Pa.

Board members elected were: Rev. Richard Bergstrom, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. James Rehnberg, West Orange, N. J.; Rev. John Costas, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Thomas R. Teply, Montclair, N. J.; Rev. Paul Cassel, Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. Robert Sturdy, Montclair, N. J.; Rev. Harold Hill, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stoppe, Orange, N. J.: Dr. William Ward Ayer, New York City; Rev. Madison Sindle, Rosedale, N. Y.; Rev. Martin W. Cox, Houghton, N. Y.; Rev. Carlton Spencer, Lima, N. Y.; Rev. Theodore Taylor, New York City; Dr. Merlin Smith, North Chili, N. Y.; Dr. Herbert Mekeel, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. Lester Westlund, Staten Island, N. Y.: Rev. Frank Kennedy, Altoona, Pa.; Dr. Edwin Johnson, Havertown, Pa.; Rev. Theodore Elsner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Sidney B. Fenton, Wellsboro, Pa.; Rev. John Sprunger, Quakertown, Pa.; Rev. Roy S. Newlin, McKeesport, Pa.: Rev. C. N. Hostetter, Grantham, Pa.; Rev. George H. Wood, Canton, Pa.

Evangelical Film Group Annual "Oscar" Winners

GLENSIDE, Pa.—A movie entitled "Seventeen," produced for Gospel Films Inc. by Charles Peterman, won Christian "Oscars" in four of ten categories, it was announced here by the National Evangelical Film Foundation. The "Oscars" are the foundation's 7th annual film awards.

The four winning categories were: Best Actress—Cheryl Lee Oppenhuizen, for her starring role; Best Direction—Ken Anderson and Ralph Papin; Best Musical Score—Ralph Carmichael; and Best Soul Winning Film—Mr. Peterman.

The foundation is sponsored by the Christian Youth Cinema Inc., a religious film distributing agency. The awards will be presented at the cinema group's 10th anniversary dinner in Philadelphia on May 11.

Other award winners were:

Best Actor—Ray Collins, for his role in "Unfinished Task," Family Films Inc.

Best Motion Picture—"Unfinished Task."

Best Documentary Film—"Waking Middle East," Bob Jones University.

Best Missionary Film—"Before the Harvest," Word of Life.

Best Educational Film—"Crescent and The Cross," Winona School of Theology.

Film with the Best Sermon—"Facts of Faith," Moody Institute of Science.

No awards were announced for four categories in which they were presented last year. These were for Best Scientific Film, Best Children's Film, Best Bible Story Interpretation, and Best Film Showing Faith in Action.

Taylor Reports Arctic Bases Are Well Served

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Spiritual encouragement should be provided American airmen stationed on lonely Arctic airbases by letter and prayer, according to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals. The statement was made by Dr. Taylor upon his return from an eleven day tour of Northeast Air Command bases of the United States Air Force (*Action*, April 1).

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, upon their return from an eleven day tour of Northeast Air Command bases.

The trip was called by the air force a "familiarization visit to observe the religious, morale and moral program being conducted at NEAC bases which stretch from Newfoundland to Greenland."

Reporting on the tour, Dr. Taylor said: "The proportion of chaplains to the number of men on each base seems to be generally satisfactory. I think that if a generalization can be made as to any inadequacy it would be in the matter of personal religion. I found myself continually stressing that Christianity is not churchianity. It is a vital personal relationship between God and man through Jesus Christ."

He noted that among the chaplains were several strong evangelicals. He met numbers of enlisted men who were bearing an active testimony to Jesus Christ and felt that they exerted an influence beyond their numbers.

Dr. Taylor was one of a party headed by Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, and composed of five civilian religious leaders and four military men. Other religious leaders, besides Dr. Taylor, included the Military Ordinariate of the Roman Catholic Church, the director of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, a Methodist layman, and the editor of the *Upper Room*, a Protestant devotional guide.

Seven bases visited during the tour were Pepperell and Harmon Air Force Bases in Newfoundland; Narsarssuak, Sondrestrom and Thule in Greenland; Frobisher Bay in Baffinland; and Goose Bay in Labrador.

Manpower on these bases ranges from 400 to 6000. There are from one to five chaplains at each base, with the

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distribution about equal between Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains. One Jewish chaplain covers the entire Northeast Command.

The bases visited are a part of the northern perimeter defense ring of the United States.

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Coast-to-Coast Network To Televise Big Revival

NEW YORK CITY—The Billy Graham New York Crusade announced today that (a major) television network will carry the New York Crusade meetings directly from Madison Square Gardens coast-to-coast every Saturday night.

The unusual opportunity—the most challenging ever offered any evangelistic undertaking—will begin the first Saturday in June and continue for the duration of the New York Crusade.

The time will allow not only each night's sermon by Billy Graham and the accompanying invitation for decisions for Christ, but also at least one song by the 1,500 voice New York Crusade choir and one song by soloist George Beverly Shea.

1500 Clergymen Join In New York Crusade

NEW YORK—More than 1500 clergymen have expressed their willingness to cooperate in the 1957 Billy Graham Crusade here, crusade officials announced.

Mr. Graham is scheduled to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Madison Square Garden from May 15 to June 30.

The officials also reported that a nine-week counsellor training program reached a peak enrollment of 4,500 at the end of the second week. They called it the most extensive training program in the Graham team's experience. Eleven weekly classes have been held in ten areas making up metropolitan New York City. The counsellors, recruited from the lay membership of local churches, will assist in the rallies and in following up those who make "decisions for Christ."

Reflecting the interest demonstrated by the counsellor training program, they said, was the immediate response to the city-wide prayer meeting phase of the overall crusade program.

Using the facilities of Radio Station WABC, the time from 12:15 to 12:30 noon each day, Monday through Friday, was utilized for the prayer-time program. Its slogan was "Noontime is prayer time for the New York Crusade."

The crusade officials said that more than 2,000 churchmen have been recruited as ushers and two complete choirs have been assembled. An average attendance of 1,500 voices per night is expected to fill the west end of the Madison Square Garden arena.

Auxiliary programs to augment the Madison Square Garden meetings are already under way, the officials reported. These include a program for young people, one for college and university students, and a series of pastors' workshops.

The officials said that radio and television will be featured in the New York Crusade "to a degree the Graham team has never known previously."

Plans call for a night-time telecast over a New York City station to begin with the start of the crusade meetings and arrangements are under way for a nationwide telecast direct from Madison Square Garden over one of the major television networks.

Group reservations from churches throughout the area, as well as from distant cities, have reached a new high in the New York plans, the officials said. They reported that chartered trains, planes and buses have already been arranged from such distant points as Oklahoma City; Houston, Tex.; Nashville, Tenn.; Richmond, Va.; Louisville, Ky.; Detroit and Toronto, Canada.

education

IVCF Holds Missions In Three Universities

CHICAGO.—Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, evangelical student movement on more than 600 college campuses and nursing schools, recently concluded evangelistic missions at three large universities, Michigan, Illinois and Harvard.

These campus-wide meetings were initiated and planned by the local IVCF chapters. Rev. John R. W. Stott of London, England, and a staff of associate speakers spoke to large and small groups of students on each campus.

Attendance at the main meetings averaged 200 at Harvard, 400 at Michigan and 500 at Illinois. In addition, speakers had opportunities to present the Gospel in 72 other places on the Michigan campus, in 40 living units at Illinois, and at several clubs at Harvard.

There were from 30 to 60 professions of faith in Christ at each campus, plus numerous renewals of fellowship. Many other students were stirred to consider the Lord Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Another result of the missions is that Bible study groups have sprung up in many places, including fraternities and sororities. Christian students have also been encouraged in their witness for Christ.

C. Stacey Woods, general secretary of Inter-Varsity, said the student responsibility for the missions was an indication of what he hoped would become true of every IVCF group.

Mr. Stott also held a series of follow-up lectures at Yale University for the Inter-Varsity chapter there, in connection with Billy Graham's Yale Mission. Seventy-five students attended these meetings each night.

Church Colleges Benefit By U. S. Steel Grants

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Most of the 471 church-related colleges and universities in this country will share in the United States Steel Foundation's 1957 grants totaling nearly $1,800,000 for institutions of higher education this year.

The church-related institutions are among the 600 colleges, universities, technological institutes and medical schools to which the grants will be given.

A spokesman for the foundation said it was not announcing specific allotments but was leaving it up to the individual colleges to disclose the amounts they received if they choose to do so.

The foundation's program will provide $500,000 to 500 accredited liberal arts colleges for unrestricted operating aid, $100,000 for operating and capital expenses to non-regionally accredited colleges, and $110,000 in unrestricted operational aid to 55 major private universities and engineering schools.

Also, $190,000 in grants to the 82 medical schools in this country, $150,000 for postgraduate study fellowships, $70,000 for project grants in aid of education and $665,000 in major capital grants to 16 institutions. Additional capital grants totaling $525,000 will be made in later years.

The foundation's 16 new capital grants, which range from $25,000 to $100,000, may be used at the discretion of the recipients.

Church Colleges Share Ford Fellowship Grants

NEW YORK—(R N S)—Many church-related colleges and universities are expected to benefit from the Ford Foundation's $25,000,000 appropriation for a five-year extension and development of the National Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program.

The appropriation was made, the foundation said here, to attract "able college students into the academic profession" and thus relieve a "mounting shortage" of college teachers.

The foundation's action will provide graduate fellowships to "potential college teachers" at the rate of 1,000 a year for the next five years.

The fellows may "in general" attend the institutions of their choice and will be free to select their own fields of study, including mathematics and the natural sciences. Formerly, the fellowships were awarded only in the humanities and social sciences.

Individual awards, which will be applied to tuition and living expenses for the first year of graduate study, are expected to average $2,200. They will require about $11,000,000 of the total appropriation, the foundation said.

Another $10,000,000 will go to universities for aid to graduate students beyond the first year. Grants of $2,000 each will be made to the university at which each Woodrow Wilson Fellow is enrolled.

chaplaincy

Force Chaplaincy Chief Nominated by President

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—A bill providing that the Chief of Air Force Chaplains shall be nominated for a four-year term by the President, as are the Army and Navy chiefs of chaplains, has been re-introduced in the House. At the present time the Chief of Air Force Chaplains is named by the Secretary of the Air Force for a four-year period.

Rep. Melvin Price (D.-Ill.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, is sponsor of the measure which was opposed by the Department of the Air Force in 1956 when it was first offered. An Air Force spokesman

said it will probably be opposed again.

The Air Force last year told Congress that the proposed legislation would have "an undesirably restrictive effect" on the selection of a chief of chaplains for many years to come. It noted that Air Force career chaplains are comparatively young men since the service has been a separate branch only since 1947.

"It would restrict selection to those comparatively few individuals who would be eligible for retirement in the permanent rank of major general upon completion of their tour of duty." the Air Force said.

Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter (Methodist), present Chief of Air Force Chaplains, is only 51 years old. He has been serving in the post since 1949.

The Air Force said it prefers to select whomever it wishes as chief of chaplains and give him temporary rank rather than to have the choice "restricted to a few senior individuals."

In the other services the chiefs of chaplains serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment to a second term. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation although the Senate has never refused to confirm a nomination submitted by the President.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nixon Visit Arouses Roman Catholic Hopes

MADRID, Spain.—The recent visit of Vice President Richard M. Nixon to Pope Pius XII has aroused hope among Spanish Roman Catholic leaders for an early resumption of USA-Vatican diplomatic relations.

Ecclesia, weekly organ of Spanish Catholic Action, said it was difficult to explain why "the most powerful nation in the world enrolled under the banner of what is known as Western civilization should not have a representative at the Vatican."

Noting that many non-Christian nations, such as Japan, India and Pakistan, have representatives accredited to the Holy See, *Ecclesia* said:

"It is a lamentable paradox that the great American nation, where the weight and importance of the Catholic community is even greater than statistics indicate, should not be in diplomatic contact with the greatest spiritual authority in the world, except in a furtive manner and, as it were, behind the back of the constitution."

100,000 Clergymen Are Now On Social Security

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—More than half the nation's clergymen —about 100,000—have thus far signed up for Social Security, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced here.

Congress is studying legislation to extend this deadline but may restrict it to clergymen employed by small Christian colleges who had erroneously believed they were covered by Social Security since 1951 when the program was extended to employees of nonprofit institutions.

Clergymen cannot qualify merely by paying their self-employment tax but must file Internal Revenue Service Form 2031, the required waiver. The Department expressed concern that some clergymen may not have understood this requirement. Form 2031 is available from any Social Security district office or Internal Revenue Service office, the announcement said.

Members of the clergy were specifically exempted from coverage in the original Social Security Act of 1936 and must specifically waive this exemption to comply with the 1954 amendment which permitted them for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

Once a waiver is executed it cannot be withdrawn and Social Security taxes must be paid annually thereafter.

President Asks Special Admission for Clergy

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—President Eisenhower has asked Congress to approve legislation that would admit clergymen and members of religious orders to this country without regard to quotas or other restrictive provisions of the immigration and naturalization laws.

Such admissions, however, would be limited to 5,000 a year for three special classes: the religious; aliens who have served in the USA Armed Forces; and relatives of USA citizens.

As outlined in proposed legislation submitted by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, members of the clergy and religious orders would be placed in the same special class of immigration as aliens who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States or those who are the wife, parent, brother, sister, son or daughter (including adopted children) of a USA citizen.

This special class of immigrants would be granted visas to come to the United States despite filled quotas or other ineligibility, at the discretion of the Attorney General if he "is of the opinion that such action would not be contrary to the national interest, safety, or security of the United States."

The Secretary of State would then be directed to deduct for each such alien one number from the area quota which would otherwise be applicable to the clergyman, brother or nun.

The President's plan for liberalization of the McCarran-Walter Act would provide continental quota pools for each continent, based on the 1950 census, rather than national quota pools for each individual nation, based on the census of 1920, as provided by present legislation.

The proposed law also would permit the Attorney General to intervene in the deportation of any clergyman or member of a religious order.

He would be "authorized in his discretion, to withhold the institution of deportation proceedings against any foreign-born clergyman, brother or nun, or to cancel an order of deportation and to adjust the status of an alien . . . who is deportable under any law of the United States . . . if the Attorney General is of the opinion that such action is in the national interest, safety or security."

Cardinal Is Criticized By Protestants-United

LOS ANGELES—Paul Blanshard, in an address here, charged James

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

- DR. HERBERT MEKEEL, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Schenectady, New York, will be the speaker on a series of four broadcasts on NBC's "Faith in Action" program. The series will be given May 5, 12, 19 and 26. The broadcasts are being sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.
- PROTESTANTS AWAKE to the dangers of obscenity in books, motion pictures and the press are organizing to seek support for stronger laws to deal with the problem. O. K. Armstrong, well-known evangelical, heads the group which had its first meeting in Washington, D. C., April 23 and 24.
- DALLAS BIBLE INSTITUTE will inaugurate a complete Bible College curriculum beginning September, 1957.
- ENGLAND'S KESWICK convention will be held July 13-20 this year. It was here that the "deeper life" conferences, which have spread around the world, had their origin.
- DR. G. DOUGLAS YOUNG will head the new Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies, an evangelical graduate theological school in Jerusalem. Dr. Young will spend the summer in Israel working with Dr. Ygael Yadin, famed Israeli soldier-scholar, excavating at the site of the ancient biblical city of Hazor. The IAIBS will open in September, 1958.
- A VATICAN ENVOY for the Philippines is the aim of the new President Carlos P. Garcia. As yet the Senate has failed to make an appropriation for the purpose. The late President Ramon Magsaysay had favored such an appointment.
- GERMANY'S KIRCHENTAG will not be held in 1957. Plans for holding the great alumnae mass meeting of German Protestants from both sides of the "Iron Curtain" had to be abandoned when the "Red" bosses of East Germany virtually prohibited the assembly in Erfurt, Thuringia, Soviet Zone.
- AID TO COLOMBIA and Spain should be suspected, according to Dr. C. Stanley Lowell of POAU. He so stated in a Senate subcommittee hearing last month. Millions of foreign aid have been going to both countries which deny religious liberty to all faiths. Lowell charged that 200 Protestant schools have been closed in Colombia since 1948, some 47 Protestant churches have been destroyed and 77 Protestants have been killed because of their religious faith.
- SUMMER PRESS SEMINAR, planned by the Evangelical Press Association at its recent Cincinnati convention, will be held in cooperation with Wheaton College, at Wheaton, June 11-14.

Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, with attempting to "evade the spirit of the Constitution."

He said the prelate had done this by suggesting that federal aid to education be put on the same basis as the G. I. Bill of Rights which extends educational help to the individual, permitting him to choose his own school.

Mr. Blanshard made the accusation at the largely-attended closing session of the ninth national conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He is a special counsel for the organization.

He told the delegates that the cardinal's proposal was a "clever device for dumping the costs of Roman Catholic parochial schools upon the general taxpayer."

"Cardinal McIntyre claims that under his plan public money would not be paid directly to any parochial school," Mr. Blanshard said. "But it would obviously travel to that destination via the pockets of the parents. Sectarian schools have a perfect right to operate but they have no right to demand our public money."

Cardinal McIntyre made the proposal last December in Dallas, Tex., where he attended ceremonies honoring Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of the Dallas-Fort Worth diocese on the 25th anniversary of his consecration.

The cardinal pointed out that under the present federal plan children attending private and parochial schools will get no tuition aid. Taxes, he said, would be gathered from all the people but "students in private education would be eliminated from the aid."

Colorado Supreme Court Bans Sunday Auto Sales

DENVER—(RNS)—Sunday automobile sales were banned by a 4-3 decision of the Colorado Supreme Court.

The ruling reversed a 4-3 decision handed down by the same court last August and upheld the constitutionality of a 1955 law prohibiting the sales.

In the latest ruling, the court held that the automobile business is a "special type of business" subject to "special legislative recognition and attention." The legislature passed the 1955 law after a concerted drive by church groups. It had the support of many automobile dealers.

Indiana Outlaws Sunday Car Sales

INDIANAPOLIS —(RNS)— A bill prohibiting the sale of new or used automobiles on Sunday was passed by both houses of the Indiana legislature.

Car dealers who open their businesses on Sunday will be considered disorderly persons subject to fine or imprisonment.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to include groceries and some other businesses in the law.

Arkansas Passes Bill to Regulate Sunday Sales

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(RNS)—The Arkansas Senate passed a bill to permit city councils to regulate, by ordinance, the types of businesses that may remain open on Sunday. It previously was approved by the House.

The measure has the effect of repealing an old state law prohibiting any business establishment from staying open on Sunday. This statute has not been consistently enforced.

Census Adds Query For Religion Survey

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A question on religious preference has been added to the monthly current population survey made by the U. S. Census Bureau, it was announced here.

"What is your religious preference?" is being asked each of the 40,000 households that constitute the nationwide "sample" for the March survey.

The question was tested recently for public reaction in four Wisconsin counties with good results, the bureau said. The new survey will serve as a further test to determine if the question should be included in the 1960 population census and asked of every person in the United States.

"A number of groups have requested that we ask such a question," a bureau spokesman said. "We have an open mind with regard to it and we will see what reaction we get on this national survey and whether the results seem to be accurate enough to be considered reliable."

The Census Bureau surveys the whole U.S. population only once every ten years but each month conducts a test sampling upon which to base current population estimates.

USA Would Continue Religious Mail Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has asked Congress for an increase in second and third class postage rates. But he urged that the present subsidized rates for mail of religious and non-profit organizations be left unchanged.

If Congress approves the new postal rate bill it will have the effect of increasing the amount of subsidy given non-profit groups on their second and third class mail.

The rate for religious and non-profit periodicals entered as second class matter is one and one half cents a pound. Other periodicals now pay two and one-half cents a pound. The Postmaster General asked for a zone rate schedule on second class that will raise these rates 60 per cent over a four-year period.

Religious and non-profit groups now mail circulars, bulletins and other bulk mail at one cent a piece.

N. Y. Police Raid Stores Carrying Obscene Books

NEW YORK—(RNS)—More than 1,343 copies of allegedly indecent books were uncovered in a police raid of 54 bookstores throughout the city. Armed with a new Supreme Court injunction, 40 policemen served copies of the order and took inventory of the offending titles.

The injunction, obtained from Supreme Court Justice Aron Steuer by Corporation Counsel Peter Campbell Brown, requires publishers and retailers to show cause why they should not be permanently restrained from distributing the listed books.

Complaints against 100 titles had been made to the authorities by many clergymen and laymen.

Most of the books found in the recent police raid were paperback novels by Jack Woodford, and published by the Woodford Press, Diversey Publishing Company and Avon Publishing Company.

laymen

Gideons Distribute 35,000,000 Scriptures

CHICAGO.—The Gideons International, an Association of Christian businessmen, has now reached the 35-million mark in distributing Bibles and Testaments.

Although The Gideons was organized July 1, 1899, it was not until 1908 that the first twenty-five Bibles were placed in a small hotel in Iron Mountain, Montana. In the 49 years which have followed, the ministry of The Gideons has expanded to include placing Bibles in motels, hospitals, penal institutions, airplanes, trains, ships and on school teachers' desks, in addition to hotels.

The New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs is distributed to members of the armed forces, to school children (from the fifth through twelfth grades), and to those in the nursing profession. Also, Bibles and Testaments are being sent to more than twenty foreign countries in which The Gideons have local groups or "camps."

The Association now has 16,000 members organized in approximately 800 cities in the United States. Another 6,000 members are foreign Gideons.

In commemoration of distributing 35 million Scriptures, the International President, Mr. P. J. Zondervan of Grand Rapids, Michigan, presented a special leather Bible to Mr. George McSwain, Hilton Hotels, Inc. The ceremony was held April 3 atop the 3,000 room Hilton Hotel in Chicago, world's largest hotel.

missions

Pilgrim Youth Sponsor Latin American Crusade

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Pilgrim Youth of the Pilgrim Holiness Church recently sent three gospel teams to Mexico, the West Indies and South America. General Superintendent William H. Neff, headed up the Gospel Team that spent four weeks in Jamaica, Antigua and St. Kitts, with 1158 souls seeking the Lord, and a total attendance of 18,531.

Rev. Melvin Snyder, Assistant General Superintendent, headed up a Gospel Team of five that toured Mexico. Here for two weeks, they evangelized to more than 4000, with some 200 seeking the Lord. The Pilgrim Holiness Church is the largest Protestant denomination in Mexico.

Dr. Paul F. Elliott, National Youth Director, headed the group who evangelized in British Guiana, South America; Trinidad and Barbados. In British Guiana and Trinidad, they saw 377 seeking God, with a total attendance of 13,235. On the island of Barbados, where the Pilgrim Holiness Church denomination is second in size in mem-

bership, 30,000 attended with 744 seeking the Lord. The largest attendance was 3500 in a Sunday morning service with more than 2000 Sunday evening.

One-third of the membership of the Pilgrim Holiness denomination is on foreign soil. It operates one of the largest missionary societies for its size in America.

Egyptian Sudan Begins Nationalizing Schools

NEW YORK—The Sudan government began a program of nationalizing the country's mission schools on April 1. Affected are a sizable number of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant institutions.

It said the government has rejected all claims of the right of Christian churches to teach and the right of parents to choose schools for their children.

Most of the Protestant elementary, leader-training and intermediate schools in the Sudan are operated by a joint United Presbyterian and Reformed mission board. The United Evangelical Lutheran Church also operates a number of schools as do two interdenominational groups: the Sudan Interior Mission and the Africa Inland Mission. Also involved are the schools of the Church Missionary Society, an Anglican group.

The Sudan gained its independence from Anglo-Egyptian rule in January, 1956. The following May, Minister of Education Aly Abdulrahman announced that the government was planning to take over all Christian missionary schools in South Sudan.

Christian Fiction For Latin America

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica.—Challenged by the growing demand for books in Latin America and the extreme scarcity of popular Christian reading in Spanish, Literatura Evangelica para America Latina, co-operative literature movement, has just launched a Christian novel contest with total prizes of $900.

According to rules issued with the announcement, the manuscripts must be written in Spanish and be slanted to the conservative evangelical viewpoint. The novels must be completely original. Authors may choose their own themes, though the book must have a definite value in spiritual instruction and encouragement. The contest closes December 31, 1958. Five well-known leaders in the field of evangelical literature in Latin America will judge the manuscripts and pick the winners.

Letters and inquiries should be addressed LEAL, Apartado 3813, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Men for Missions In Dayton Meeting

DAYTON, O.—Men for Missions, International, held its first convention here, March 30-April 3. Key leaders in this lay movement of the Oriental Missionary Society shared their recent lay-witness ministries in South American countries. Reports of progress toward the $30,000 MFM Bible Centro in Guayaquil, Ecuador highlighted the gathering.

Men for Missions is composed of men whose hearts have been exposed to the needs of the mission fields and who are desirous of sharing their burden for the "untold millions yet untold" with the peoples of America. Outstanding personalities present at the convention included Eldon Turnidge, International Chairman, Jefferson, Oregon; Rolland McGilvray, vice-president, Cleveland, Ohio; Robert Martin, secretary-treasurer, of New Paris, Ind.; Byron Dotson, Lima, Ohio, and Dr. Hammell Shopps, Delanco, New Jersey.

Mr. Nate Scharff, noted Hebrew Christian, businessman-evangelist and member of the Christian Business Men's Committee, International, was host for the Dayton meeting.

BBI Missions Meet Aids Two Projects

BUFFALO, N. Y.—An offering of $2,000 was shared by the two missionary groups who participated in the Buffalo Bible Institute's annual missionary conference. There has been an increase of $500 each year for the past three years.

Miss Betty Hu representing the Bethel Mission of China received $500 for the refuge school of 400 children in Hong Kong and Dr. Paul Roberts, director of the Rimmer Memorial Hospital, Quito, Eucador received $1500 to be used to help transport and install a modern steam laundry in the hospital.

Inter-church

Church Music Group To Better Situation

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—"The expression of our faith in song should keep pace with and challenge our spiritual growth," according to Edward A. Cording, president of the National Church Music Fellowship. "We must be cautious of songs with a religious implication which are used as mere entertainment, for they can become a perverted expression of our Christian faith. Worthy Christian songs should have a true spiritual objective."

The NCMF is an interdenominational movement to encourage spiritually effective church music. It operates the year around through individuals and local chapters in churches and schools throughout the nation. Contact is maintained through official publications from the national office. Once a year leaders and delegates meet in a convention to consider objectives and methods of operation.

The efforts of the organization are directed toward definite areas through such committees as the radio, TV, and recordings committee, hymn committee, committee on Christian education, and the committee on musical literature.

Protestants Operate 268 Credit Unions

MADISON, Wis.—(RNS)—Members of Protestant congregations in North America now operate 268 credit unions, an increase of forty over last year, the Credit Union National Association reported here.

The forty new Protestant unions accounted for 2.4 per cent of the 1,636 credit unions organized in 1956, the report said.

Baptists operate the largest number of unions—75. Methodists come next with 59. Episcopalians operate 19, Presbyterians 15 and Lutherans 8. The rest are operated by members of Congregational churches, the Church of the Brethren, Christian Reformed Church, Mormons, and other Protestant groups.

Credit unions are owned and operated under state or federal charter by members having a common bond—such as religious affiliation or community residence—who pool their savings and lend to each other at low interest rates. The national association services and promotes the establishment of new individual credit unions.

Radio-TV

Los Angeles Station Eliminating Religion

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—More than 100 members of Congress have received letters from Dr. J. Richard Sneed, pastor of First Methodist church, Los Angeles, asking that they press the Federal Communications Commission for a full investigation of a Los Angeles radio station which has announced its intention of eliminating all religious broadcasts.

Dr. Sneed wrote California Congressmen, members of the House and Senate Committees on Interstate Commerce, and all Congressmen affiliated with The Methodist Church.

He asked them to support the church's petition to the FCC for a public hearing on the action of Station KFAC in discontinuing a Sunday morning service which the congregation has sponsored since 1923.

The program, for which the church purchased time at regular commercial rates, is the oldest continuous religious broadcast in the country. The station has advised the church that it will no longer be permitted to buy time because its worship services are "completely unsuitable" to the station's format.

Dr. Sneed, in his letter to the Congressmen, called attention to the statement in KFAC's letter of termination that **"we are gradually eliminating all religious programs."**

"This is the first time we have ever heard such a declaration on the part of an American radio station licensed by the FCC," the clergymen declared.

"We feel that the issue raised here affects all religions and not merely First Methodist church and its pioneer radio tradition. If any radio station is permitted to discontinue religion, what prevents the other 3,000 stations in the United States from following the same precedent?"

Gospel Broadcasters Get Unique Tribute

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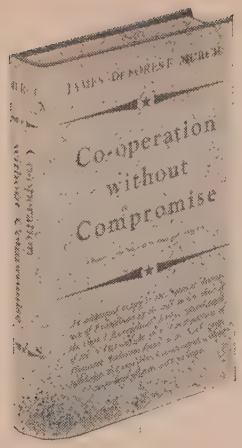

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4,378 radio stations across the country and around the world, broadcasting an aggregate of 4,827 hours a week.

The presentation here was sponsored by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. More than 2,500 were in the audience. Each broadcaster reported the number of hours he was on the air and the number of stations over which his programs were heard.

Results were tallied on a large blackboard for the benefit of the audience.

The largest representation of broadcasts was from the International Lutheran Hour, heard over about 1,250 stations in 63 countries. The programs are translated into 53 languages. Dr. Eugene Bertermann, director, sent recorded greetings from St. Louis.

Three foreign missionary radio stations also were represented. Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. King, west coast representative for HCJB, at Quito, Ecuador, told about the 25-year history of that missionary station. Harry Trover spoke of HOXO, in Panama, and the Rev. Robert Bowman, director of DZAS, Manila, described the new 100,000 watt transmitter the station has just installed.

National Council Plans Near East Radio Station

NEW YORK—Plans for the construction in the Near East of a 100,000-watt radio transmitter to beam programs to the Arabic-speaking world were approved by the Near East Committee of the National Council of Churches at a meeting here.

The station will be operated in cooperation with the Near East Christian Council whose headquarters are in Beirut, Lebanon.

To be built at a cost of $250,000, it will be supported by cooperative Protestant foreign mission boards. The station's programs will be educational and cultural as well as religious. It is being planned by RAVEMCCO which directs the work of the National Council in mass communications overseas. The letters stand for "Radio, Audio-Visual Education, Mass Communications Committee."

Dr. W. Burton Martin, executive secretary of RAVEMCCO reported on the project. He said the station's voice will be heard in Indonesia and South Africa, as well as in the Near and Middle East.

Exact location of the transmitter has yet to be worked out, Dr. Martin said, but negotiations for a franchise are progressing favorably.

Evangelicals already have several strong radio stations reaching this general area.

Moody Institute Honors Voice of Andes Founder

CHICAGO—The founder of the famed "Voice of the Andes" radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, was honored here as Moody Bible Institute's alumnus of the year.

Dr. Clarence W. Jones, a 1921 graduate of Moody, received the missionary school's Thomas S. Smith trophy before more than 2,500 in the Moody Memorial church.

Dr. William Kuhnle of the Garfield Ave. Baptist church, Milwaukee, president of the institute's alumni association, praised Dr. Jones' Ecuador station for its role in the search for the five American missionaries who disappeared in Auca Indian territory last year.

The "Voice of the Andes" broke the news to the world of the martyrdom of the five young men, who were killed while making an attempt to contact the savage tribe which previously had never successfully been reached by white men.

A pioneer in missionary broadcasting, the interdenominational station is celebrating its 25th anniversary. It has six transmitters and broadcasts 21 hours a day, except Mondays, in nine languages.

Denominations

Christian Reformed Church In Centennial Observance

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—One of the most vigorous and thriving smaller branches of American Evangelical Protestantism this year celebrates its Centennial with a well-planned program of activities embracing every form of modern communication, with the object of increasing its impact upon American religious life.

The Christian Reformed Church, whose beginnings a hundred years ago sprang up among pioneering immigrants of Netherlands Dutch stock, numbers less than a quarter million adherents in some 500 congregations in the United States and Canada, but it

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has had an influence on American Protestantism far out of proportion to its small membership. Distinctive among its contributions to the American scene are its nationally-known system of parent-controlled Christian schools, indicative of its great stress on Christian education; the large number of authors who have published books on religious subjects, especially on distinctively Calvinistic theology; and its popular weekly Back to God Hour on radio and television.

The Christian Reformed Church is known for a high degree of lay participation in church affairs, and its centennial observance is no exception. The entire denomination has been organized on a local and regional basis, and district and regional rallies will be held in many centers. The largest of these mass meetings were held here in the Civic Auditorium March 19 and at the International Ampitheater in Chicago on April 5. These rallies are among the highlights of a thirteen-week program of Centennial observance, opening March 3 and running through May 26. Sunday, April 7, was officially observed as Centennial Sunday. It was marked by an ingathering of thank offerings for a Centennial Memorial, to take the form of a new building for Calvin Theological Seminary.

"God's Favor Is Our Challenge" is the Centennial motto chosen to set the theme for the entire program, which is under the direction of a committee headed by Dr. John H. Kromminga, president of Calvin Seminary. Among the many other activities are a Centennial Pageant, "Upon This Rock . . ." A thirteen-week series of radio programs and newspaper ads, carefully planned for mission impact, coincides with the observance period. A Centennial calendar, marking historic dates in the growth of the denomination, has been placed in the 50,000 Christian Reformed homes across the land. An audio-visual series of twelve sight-sound projects is bringing the story of the church and its message to audiences throughout the U.S. and Canada. The same type of material in printed word and pictures is being used in large quantities by the denomination's evangelization and home mission committees and the mail distribution setup of The Back to God Hour.

All of these activities are being coordinated through the centennial office in Grand Rapids, where the Christian Reformed Church has also recently opened a large new denominational building and publishing plant.

United Presbyterians Have Membership Gain

PITTSBURGH, Pa. —(RNS)— The United Presbyterian Church in America had a net gain of 6,371 members in 1956, bringing the total to 251,344.

Dr. W. J. H. McKnight of Pittsburgh announced the figures following the annual meeting of the denomination's General Committee on Evangelism. He is director of its national evangelism program.

A special committee was named to confer with a similar committee of the Presbyterian Church in the USA on procedures in the event that merger of the two denominations takes place. United Presbyterian presbyteries are

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Rev. Donald G. Lester of New York, acting secretary, division of evangelism of the USA Church, was a guest speaker at the meeting.

Assemblies of God Pass Million Mark

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Membership of the Assemblies of God, the largest of several Pentecostal denominations, has passed the million mark. Tabulations recently released from the national headquarters in Springfield include the foreign and USA adherents.

The million membership figure was realized when reports from foreign fields indicated the number of adherents hit a new high of 575,811. USA membership was 470,361 at the close of the 1956 year, to place the total adherents of the denomination at 1,046,172.

One of the youngest denominations in the USA, the Assemblies of God was founded in Hot Springs, Ark., during the weeks of April 2-12, 1914. Approximately 300 ministers and laymen attended the organizational meeting which drew participants chiefly from the midwestern states.

Following establishment of the Assemblies of God, the denomination had its headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., for approximately four years. However, when a central location was desired the small operation was relocated in Springfield in the summer of 1918. The organization will observe the 40th anniversary of establishment in Springfield next year.

In the USA future plans of the denomination call for construction of a three million dollar office building adjoining the publishing plant.

Expansion of the Assemblies of God has been phenomenal. Membership alone has increased 65 per cent during the past ten years. Currently the organization has 7,916 churches and some 14,000 licensed and ordained ministers. The Assemblies of God ranks ninth in the nation in number of churches.

Membership of foreign churches is more than 100,000 above the U. S. figure. However, many churches in the U. S. have no membership roll, but feature a systematic Sunday School program. The denomination has 824,096 students enrolled in the Sunday Schools in the USA and is currently in a drive to boost the figure to one million by 1960.

Comparative figures released by the *Yearbook of American Churches* at the close of the 1956 year indicated the Assemblies of God ranks first in foreign Bible schools, fifth in foreign missionaries, seventh in number of Sunday School workers, eighth in Sunday Schools and eleventh in Sunday School enrollment.

Besides its own program, the Assemblies of God is an active member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Baptist Group Reaffirm Premillennial Doctrine

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(R N S)—More than 1,000 delegates to the annual meeting of the North American Baptist Association here reaffirmed their faith in the premillennial doctrine of the return of Christ. The delegates represented some 900 churches.

At the same time, the convention said the doctrine should not be made a test of fellowship for churches.

The association comprises independent missionary Baptist churches, mainly in the South, Southwest and Southeast, which withdrew from the American Baptist Association in 1950, principally over the issue of representation.

Rev. M. E. Childers of Little Rock was elected president of the association. Re-elected were Rev. W. J. Burgess, secretary-treasurer and Rev. Craig Branham, assistant secretary. Both are of Little Rock.

Named as the association's first missionary to Jamaica was Rev. H. G. Johnson of Houston, Tex. Ichiro Noshiro, a student at Jacksonville Baptist College in Texas, was named to serve as a native missionary in Japan.

Provision was made by the convention for the naming of another missionary to Portugal, where the association already has three missionaries.

May, 1960 Set for "Birth" Of New Lutheran Church

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(N L C)—The month of May in 1960 has been set as the time for the constituting convention of the new Lutheran Church that will emerge from the union of at least three, and possibly four or five, Lutheran denominations.

The "target date" for the birth of the new Church was fixed by the Joint Union Committee of the Evangelical, American and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches at a two-day meeting here, March 21-22, and will be recommended for final approval to the respective conventions of the three bodies in 1958.

These groups, committed to the union by action of their conventions last year, may be joined in the near future by the Lutheran Free Church and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Suomi Synod). Both are scheduled to make their decisions on merger this summer.

With more than two million members, the merged body will be known as "The American Lutheran Church" and will have its national headquarters in Minneapolis.

The Union Committee's choice of May 1960 for the organizing convention of TALC marked a departure from the tentative time-table (1959) that had been drawn up for the closing years of the union negotiations begun a decade ago.

Neighborhood Film Market Studied by Missouri Synod

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Examination of the neighborhood motion picture as a medium for the extension of Christ's kingdom is under way in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

The board of directors of the church body has appointed a three-man committee to look into the possibility of the church's "availing itself of this admittedly influential medium and exerting its influence for good." Members are Clarence Amling of Santa Ana, Calif., member of the synod's board of directors; Frank Schoenheider, Los Angeles, Calif., layman; and in an advisory capacity, Dr. Herman W. Gockel, St. Louis, religious

director of the Missouri Synod's recently inaugurated television series, "This Is the Life."

In suggesting formation of an exploratory committee to the synod's board of directors, Dr. Gockel said "For more than a generation the church has been bewailing the influence which the neighborhood movie has had on the minds and hearts of those who attend it. Might it be that the church could make a positive contribution to the American community by availing itself of this admittedly influential medium and exerting its influence for good?"

The Missouri Synod has been producing Christian motion pictures since the late 1930's.

The religious director suggested launching of a ten-year program calling for production of a feature film every two years.

Sunday School Board Asks to Retain Name

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(B P)—The 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session at Chicago will be asked to drop the matter of considering a new name for the Baptist Sunday School Board, located here.

W. Perry Crouch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., said that the request to drop the matter came from the Sunday School Board itself. Crouch is chairman of a committee which was appointed by the 1956 Convention to study the proposed name switch.

Complications over use of the word "Education" in the proposed new title —"Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention"— were given as major reason for asking that the matter be dropped.

Brethren Plan Big 250th Anniversary Observance

ELGIN, Ill.—(RNS)—Plans for marking the 250th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren in 1958 were approved by its General Brotherhood Board here.

Special observances for the entire year have been planned by an anniversary committee. During the summer of 1958 a special World Convocation of the Church will be held at Schwarzenau, Germany. The Brethren movement was launched there by Alexander Mack and a small group who had withdrawn from the State churches and were influenced by the Pietistic movement in Germany.

The anniversary year will be opened with a "love feast" and communion service at the Germantown Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia. This was the first church to be established by the Brethren colonists who came to this country after they had encountered opposition in Germany and in Holland.

A feature of the anniversary will be the publication of recently-discovered documents in European libraries that provide new light on the European origins of the Church. Nearly 800 documents have been found in more than one hundred libraries and archives in six countries.

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Moscow Broadcasting New Atheism Lectures

LONDON—(R N S)—The Moscow Radio is now broadcasting a series of lectures aimed at fostering atheism among Russia youth.

The lectures have been specially prepared by the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge to "promote a materialistic outlook in the field of natural science" and to assist in "the atheistic upbringing of Soviet youth," the station said.

In announcing the initial lecture, the Moscow Radio said the series had been designed to link the topics with current events so as to attract the largest possible number of listeners.

It was recently announced that the All-Union Society had been given increased facilities to work against "religious ideologies" which tend to "distort the fundamental principles of Marxist-Leninist theories."

Mixed Church Services Banned in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa.—The bill now before the Parliament of the Union of South Africa which would give the government control over mixed services attended by Europeans and Africans has been re-drafted.

The bill, which caused a storm of protest from church leaders, now reads that the Minister of Native Affairs may direct that no natives shall attend any church service in an urban area if in his opinion their presence is a nuisance to surrounding residents or if their presence in large numbers is undesirable. Formerly the bill called for permission of the Minister of Native Affairs to conduct any church, school or other activity where natives were admitted. The re-draft means that it is the native who is to be controlled rather than the churches.

In a recent address before the Jeugbond, the National Party's youth movement, the Minister of Native Affairs, Mr. H. F. Verwoerd, said that mixed white and non-white services were "political action against the present order of things. The churches know that their white members do not want this mixing but they insist on it. There must be action against pressures which will lead to this sort of thing."

PERSONALIA

Peter Wiley Philpott, noted Canadian evangelist, died in Toronto, April 1, at the advanced age of 91. He was pastor of Moody Church, Chicago and the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles during his long and fruitful ministry.

C. Hoyt Watson, president of Seattle Pacific College, is on a four-month world missionary tour. The month of March was spent visiting alumni and other missionaries in Japan, Formosa and Korea; April in India. June will be spent in Africa.

Oswald J. Smith, pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, will hold a series of evangelistic campaigns, deeper life and missionary conferences in South America beginning in September.

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Edwin V. Hayden has been appointed editor of the *Christian Standard,* national journal of conservative Disciples of Christ. Mr. Hayden has recently been a member of the faculty of Ozark Bible College.

E. Schuyler English, editor of *Our Hope* magazine, will deliver the commencement address at Dallas Theological Seminary May 14.

Charles X. Hutchinson, outstanding Connecticut churchman and legislator, has been chosen superintendent of the International Reform Federation, succeeding the late Dr. Clinton N. Howard.

Joseph Stump, Asia representative and director of missionary evangelism for World Vision, Inc., recently concluded a successful evangelistic tour of Korea, Formosa and the Philippines. Thousands of decisions for Christ are reported.

Jack Shuler is scheduled for a two-week evangelistic campaign in Hamilton, Ont., May 5-19. About fifty evangelical pastors in the area are cooperating.

William J. Sweeting, pastor of First Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ind., is joining the editorial staff of Baptist Publications, Denver, Colo.

William Ward Ayer of New York City, is concluding a fruitful year in evangelism with a citywide campaign in Edmonton, Alberta, of which the Hon. Ernest C. Manning, premier of the province, is chairman.

Fred B. Whale has been appointed field representative for the Western Division of Christian Service Brigade. For 26 years Mr. Whale served in West Africa where he successfully adapted the British Boys Brigade program to missionary work.

Harry Liu of Pocket Testament League is in Europe with A. J. Overton, Jr., to hold citywide meetings with soldiers and students in France and Germany. They expect to distribute thousands of Gospels in their work.

Paul E. Haines, director of Oriental Missionary Society, attended the 50th Anniversary of OMS in Korea and will visit other field of the Society in the Orient.

Gordon S. Jaeck, professor of sociology at Wheaton College, will head the National Association of Christians in Social Work during the ensuing year.

Hyman J. Appelman recently concluded his evangelistic year with 5696 recorded conversions and additions to the churches. His 1957 calendar is full and meetings have already been scheduled in seven states for 1958.

John A. Dyck and his faithful companion, Mennonite Brethren missionaries serving in Colombia, were killed in a plane crash near Cali on March 9.

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Although the specialist will find some aspects of Keller's treatment unduly superficial and distastefully glamorized, the technical scholar must make allowances for a book such as this, which is meant for the common man, but which is for the most part scientifically sound.—*Merril F. Unger.*

"The Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians." Leon Morris. 152 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00.

"The General Epistle of James." R. V. G. Tasker. 144 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00.

With these two volumes the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series gets under way. Tasker himself is the general editor of this section, and Edward J. Young of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia is editing the the Old Testament section, the first volume of which will be Genesis, and is in preparation.

The design of this series is to hew to a line somewhere between the critical and exhaustive commentary, which is usually characterized by a low view of inspiration, and the popular commentary on the other hand which does not really satisfy the serious student or the pastor. Each volume will contain an introduction and an exposition, with such notes on textual matters as are in order. Greek words are transliterated. The authors belong to the evangelical group and for the most part are well known—Ned B. Stonehouse, Alan Stibbs, Norval Glendenhuys, and Donald Guthrie, for instance, are working on other New Testament volumes.

Morris passes over rather lightly the problem of the rapture in the Thessalonian epistles, being content to leave the language ambiguous as he feels it is in the epistle, the parousia itself being spoken of as having the two aspects.

Tasker handles the problems of the book of James in a rather lengthy introduction of some thirty pages. He holds to the position that the author was the Lord's brother and the date around 60 A.D. The exposition and discussion of words is very satisfying in this volume. Tasker's grasp of the Old Testament gives him good background for this epistle, and he has been especially interested in it for a long time.

"Answering Your Questions." Nathan J. Stone. 509 pp. Moody. $4.95.

The compiler of this omnibus of Bible information and problems has been answering questions in *Moody Monthly* for fourteen years. He has brought together in this volume hundreds of actual questions asked and answered during this time. The questions are alphabetized for easy access, and there are also indexes to texts and subjects, —over forty pages of index. Readers of the magazine will know that these questions are answered in the general fundamentalist tradition, and that Mr. Stone has a background in the original languages of the Scripture that enables him to deal adequaetly with the problems that arise. Not every answer will satisfy everybody, but this book will take its place alongside a dozen or so others of comprehensive scope published in the last quarter of a century.

"The Pauline View of Man in Relation to its Judaic and Hellenistic Background." W. David Stacey. xv, 253 pp. St. Martin's Press. $5.75.

The substance of this book was presented as an M.A. thesis to the University of Birmingham under Dr. G. W. H. Lampe, professor of theology. The author first discusses Paul's three influences, Judaism, Hellenism, and a third new force which grows out of the originality of Paul the Christian. The main body of the treatise takes up the picture of man as given in these three spheres, with the most material coming of course in the section on the Pauline doctrine. The chief terms are discussed at length; soul, spirit, flesh, body, etc. Hebrew and Greek are used extensively and the work is a very helpful treatise in the field of biblical theology. The chapter on conclusions follows the same pattern as the book. We do not find Paul telling so much about what man is in himself, says Stacey, but rather developing man's relation to God. The uniqueness of Paul has often been discussed, but here we have it further clarified.

"Personal Evangelism." J. C. Macaulay and Robert H. Belton. 255 pp. Moody. No price listed.

The two authors share the responsibility of teaching this subject at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Chapters 1-15 and 21-24 were done by the former and 16-20 by the latter. The book shares both the benefits and detriments of a textbook. Something of the outline can be seen by listing the key words in the chapters: message, character, forms, place, advantages of personal evangelism, sanctions, qualifications, difficulties, rewards, the approach, etc. The central core of the book deals with the special types of client and objections, the cults, and specialties. There is a chapter on Jewish work. A list of Old Testament passages referred to in the New Testament as being fulfilled in Christ appears as an Appendix A. There is a four-page bibliography and an index. This text will undoubtedly be found very useful for Bible institute courses and for church classes. It ought to be in the church library.

"The Call of the Minaret." Kenneth Cragg. xv, 376 pp. Oxford. $6.25.

A major undertaking like this occurs all too infrequently. Any major document based upon years of intimate study and personal experience deserves high praise and appreciation. An extensive monograph of nearly 400 closely packed pages with attendant bibliography and index that seeks to explore sympathetically and yet critically one of the major religious systems of the world in the light of, and from the basic position of, Christianity merits respect and study. The author not only seeks to present Islam adequately and accurately but he also deals with Muslim-Christian relationships. Past, present, and future are all considered in this book.

Bulking large in the book is the author's discussion of the Muslim attitude toward Christianity and Christ. "There is the familiar Muslim parable of the three caravans that set out across the desert. The first halted and encamped while the other two went on. By and by the second halted and encamped, leaving the third to complete the journey alone. The caravans were, respectively, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" (p. 244, 45). There is a good discussion of the Muslim Jahiliyyah, or ignorance, of Christ (p. 246ff.). The urgency of the Christian's necessity to witness to the Muslim grows in part out of this situation—"If Christ is what Christ is, He must be uttered. If Islam is what Islam is, that 'must' is irresistible" (p. 334). With the present prominence of Islamic countries in world affairs this book has a real significance.

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This book is solidly, even conservatively, based on scholarly sources, but it is not written for scholars. It is rather aimed at all below that privileged category, and will be appreciated by anyone who teaches or reads the Bible. They say there are more Sunday School teachers in America than public school teachers, and every one of them could profit immensely by going through such a book as this. The 126 illustrations run the gamut from photographic reproductions of archaeological artifacts, monuments, and inscriptions to simple sketches of all phases of life and activity in ancient Israel. One result of reading this book will be to have the glamour of some parts of life in the Bible removed and to bring the reader down into the realities of simple and often sordid living in crowded and unsavory quarters, but one can also join in the excitement of special occasions with more intelligence and sympathy.

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"A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament." Samuel Sandmel. xx, 321 pp. Hebrew Union College Press. $5.00.

One is a little surprised to find a Jewish author writing about the New Testament. It is a stimulating experience to view one's own precious possessions from the viewpoint of a scholar outside one's own circle—even the wide circle. Rabbi Sandmel is Professor of Bible and Hellenistic Literature at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He recognizes that a generation ago such a book would not have found many readers. Before him probably Montefiore has done more work in the New Testament, that could and would be read widely by Jews, than anyone else. Sholem Asch is read and if a Jew gets hold of his *One Destiny* or *Mary* he will have an experience he will not soon forget.

Christian scholars will be interested in this book, but will not learn much from it that they could not have learned from the liberal Protestant introductions. It will be remembered that this book is written for Jews. That makes it interesting reading. The author seems to accept much of the results of recent criticism but is always at pains to interpret this for his own people. This is especially significant at the points of the historical Jesus and the crucifixion. His handling of Hebrews is very interesting. Christian apologetes can likely find some material here to work on. There is a much more guarded approach to the New Testament by our author, of course, than one finds in the approach of a Christian scholar to the Old Testament.

"The Christian Year." Edward T. Horm, III. xi, 243 pp. Muhlenberg. $3.75.

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The first chapter deals with God and time and the author attempts to establish the contention that the liturgy of the church "seeks to relate all time to the redemptive purposes of God" (p. 8). The date of Christmas was determined by the pagan festival, the birth of the sungod (p. 67). The date of Easter was settled at the Council of Nicaea (p. 134). We have on page 137 a chart of the dates upon which eight movable festivals fall each year from 1955 to 1979. There is a bibliography of three pages. The book is very attractively printed and bound and has a two-color title page.

"Jesus' Belief in Man." Edwin McNeill Poteat. 159 pp. Abingdon. $2.50.

The basic concern of the author may be expressed in his own words, "It is unfortunate that the note of optimism sounded today about human nature seems to come from Marxism that bases it on foundations unacceptable to the Christian testimony, while the note of pessimism sounded by the prevailing theological trumpeters rests on an understanding of human nature that has no basis in the teaching of the Son of man" (p. 14). The vigor of his thesis appears in his statement, "The Augustinian misunderstanding of the Genesis record has left an inheritance of error concerning man's sin that is untenable in the light of a modern understanding of Adam's daring and costly self-affirmation in the Garden imbroglio" (p. 15). It is obvious at the start that Poteat

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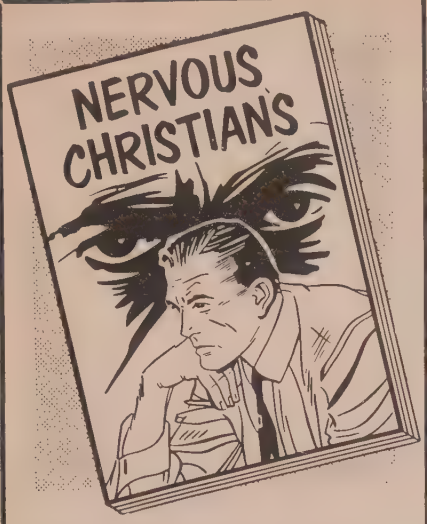

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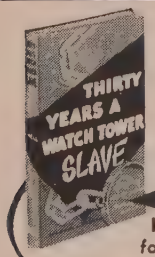

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The temptation, the sermon on the mount, the parables of the kingdom, and the first and great commandment are studied by the author with a freshness and brilliance of distillation that invigorates the reader. In all fairness one must admit that the author discards both extremes—"the sober pessimism of the realist and the silly optimism of the utopian" (p. 106). But it is more serious for him to discard pretty largely Paul in favor of Jesus—"Paul is clearly ambiguous" (p. 154), and to suggest that Augustine's "preoccupation with what has come to be known as original sin (was) due to his own 'tormented' (his own word) life" (p. 155), as also Paul's may have been. We are afraid that what we have here is a partial New Testament theology instead of a full-orbed one, and yet the writing is not without merit if it causes us to restudy the foundations of biblical anthropology. Poteat passed away in December, 1955.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Handbook of Bible History. Book II—Old Testament." George Stob. 142 pp. Eerdmans. A study manual giving material in study sections with synopses, statements of biblical-theological and ethical teaching, and three sets of questions for the various grade levels.

"Saint Peter." John Lowe. 65 pp. Oxford. $2.50. The William Copley Winslow Memorial lectures at General Theological Seminary in New York. The apostle is discussed as apostle, martyr, and in connection with the Roman claim of primacy. The author finds no basis for associating directly the two Petrine epistles with the apostle. The unique position of Peter as founder and leader of the Church the Romanists can support much more adequately than their contention for a succession, Lowe contends (p. 62).

"The Changed Life." Henry Drummond. 64 pp. Revell. $1.00.

"The Greatest Thing in the World." Henry Drummond. 63 pp. Revell. $1.00. These are the first two of a new series to be known as Revell's Inspirational Classics. The next two titles announced are **The Kingship of Self-control** and **The Majesty of Calmness,** both by William George Jordan. These little reprint classics will make beautiful gifts or devotional companions.

"Soul-winning Sermons, Vol. I." R. A. Torrey. 248 pp. Revell. $2.50. There are thirteen sermons in this volume, which was obviously published to commemorate the centennial of his birth in 1856. All of these messages are hard hitting directed to bring the hearers to a decision.

"All Other Ground." Argye M. Briggs. 273 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. In **Root out of Dry Ground** the author gained her wide reputation. This is her fifth novel. The scene is laid in western Oklahoma and the plot involves a wild young man who has nothing to do with religion but whom God called to preach. The struggles of his soul are graphically described and so is his ministry, a good share of it in the service as a chaplain overseas.

"All Ye That Labor, an Essay on Christianity, Communism, and the Problem of Evil." Lester de Koster. 128 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50. Herein the Director of the Library at Calvin College sets forth the contrast between Communism and Christianity in the framework of the Reformed philosophical and religious tradition. The material was expanded from a paper read before the Calvin Alumni Association. Christianity must produce works to make any kind of answer to communism and these works must include labor and economics. The book is the first in a new series Pathway Books, featuring contemporary evangelical studies in timely subjects by renowned scholars throughout the world.

"Nervous Christians." L. Gilbert Little. 127 pp. Back to the Bible Publishers, Lincoln 1, Nebraska. 35c. A Christian physician examines the basic psycho-somatic afflictions of the Christian particularly and offers suggestions toward their resolution based on his own practice. "Mind under the blood" is perhaps the most drastic, yet most effective, remedy for this kind of thing, as suggested by the author.

"Devotions for the Family Altar." Ruth I. Johnson. 127 pp. Back to the Bible Publishers. 35c. This and the preceding are of a new series, Sunrise Books. This one is on the junior and intermediate level.

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"Moses and Paul, The Dispensers of Law and Grace." Cornelius R. Stam. 78 pp. Berean Bible Society, 7609 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago 34, Ill. $1.50. Reprint of some articles published in the **Berean Searchlight** in 1952.

"Plenty, Priscilla." Helen R. Mann. 257 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. Novel of Puritan New England. Priscilla Appleton and the young Reverend Joseph Capen are the leading characters, and the struggle for the preservation of religion from the encroaching materialism forms part of the plot.

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"Titus and Philemon." D. Edmond Hiebert. 128 pp. Moody. 35c. Colportage library, no. 319. Brief expositions.

"Little Visits With God; Devotions For Families With Small Children." Allan Hart Jahsmann and Martin P. Simon. xi. 286 pp. Concordia. $3.00. A delightful book that brings the lives of children directly into focus in connection with the family altar and is true to the Bible in providing answers and suggestions. Two hundred readings provide material for over six months, with suggestions for discussion and a short prayer at the end.

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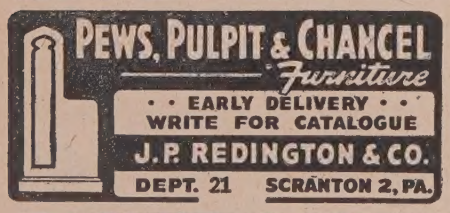

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"The Glorious Gospel." James A. Gross. 135 pp. Church of God. Pub. House. $2.00. Twelve sermons.

"Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours." Roland Allen. xxiv, 230 pp. Moody. $2.50. When this book appeared first in 1912 it created a stir among many mission boards and caused a restudy of their methods. It is one of the basic documents in the indigenous church movement in missions. This is the first American edition, four editions having been issued in London.

"A Theology for Christian Stewardship." T. A. Kantonen. ix, 126 pp. Muhlenberg. $2.00. Stewardship in the framework of the Gospel expounded out of New Testament theology is the aim of the writer, professor of systematic theology at Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio. He relates it to the Word of God, the nature of God, the Holy Spirit, justification, and the priesthood of all believers. A closing chapter speaks of the reward of the steward.

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"White Water on the Yukon." Bernard Palmer. 127 pp. Moody. 35c. Colportage Library, 317.

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"When Christ Comes Again." Jac. J. Muller. 96 pp. Marshall, Morgan Scott, London. 71-6. The Professor of New Testament Theology and Exegesis in the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The position taken is the typical Reformed, amillennial, single coming, judgment-day eschatology, but there is a fervent evangelical concern about being ready for the great day. Heaven and hell are taken literally.

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"Prayer and Life's Highest." Paul Stromberg Rees. 128 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00. Expository messages on six of Paul's prayers. Dr. Rees always presents a worthwhile message, but in this book he has gone into a little different type of writing. These are not sermons, but studies and abound in quotations and anecdotes. The homiletical form is here, to be sure, but no one should hesitate on this book thinking it is just another book of sermons.

"Victorious Praying; Studies in Family Prayer." Alan Redpath. 151 pp. Revell. $2.00. The Lord's prayer is used by the author to provide a study in prayer in general as well as the model prayer. There is a strong appeal to the reader for a more intimate communion with the Lord and for practicing effective prayer in the family circle.

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to the teaching staff of the Old and New Testament Departments of Calvin Theological Seminary. Several of the men in these departments at Calvin are also on the Berkeley version committee. The Evangelical Theological Society in announcing its 1955 meeting in December at Grand Rapids invited any of its members who had had translation experience to meet with Dr. Verkuyl's translation committee preceding the E. T. S. meeting. The Calvin Seminary committee has invited comments and official action of a considerable number of denominations and institutions. It has not been clear whether there is any connection between the two projects.

Baker Book House announced in January that they are taking over the complete line of titles published by the Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company. This list includes works by such men as Warfield, Allis, Craig, Kik, and Van Til. Production of the 57-volume set of *The Biblical Illustrator* has now reached the half-way point, and 120,000 books in this series have been printed. On Matthew alone 12,000 copies are in print.

Abingdon Press has announced the Abingdon Award established "to encourage the writing of books of outstanding merit in the broad field of Christianity." First prize in this contest is $12,500 and the closing date is March 1, 1958, with entries to be filed by Sept. 1, 1957. Any religious subject is acceptable, but not fiction or poetry.

Scripture Press has come to the fore during the year with their spacious new building in Wheaton, Ill. In February Robert A. Cook was named manager of the distribution division, having formerly been president of Youth for Christ International. Scripture Press materials are now being used in over 30,000 churches and mission fields.

Exposition Press announced a new special imprint, Exposition-Testament Books, which will feature serious studies and texts dealing with any religion in the world. The first two titles to be published are *Tomorrow's Faith Today,* by W. Norman Pittenger, and *The Church for the New Age,* by Christopher Glover.

Philip asked the Ethiopian, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" and he replied, "How can I except some one guide me?" Sincere Christians still look to sound religious books and magazines to make their knowledge of the Scriptures and understanding of its implications for the Christian life more meaningful. We trust we have served our Christian constituency in some such way in the past twelve months.

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